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OUTLINES.

Col. Wm. Nalle, of Culpeper, has been appointed adjutant general of the State of Virginia. —— A bill has been introduced in the Virginia Senate to prevent betting on horse races. —— A Russo-Japanese alliance is favored in Russian official circles. —— The British Government, it is said, will refuse to recognize any special rights granted at any Japanese port to any particular Power; any port opened must be to all Powers; a similar declaration has been delivered to the Chinese and other Governments by Japan. —— All one hundred dollar silver certificates have been called in because of the discovery of a dangerous counterfeit of their issue; five of the spurious notes have been received at the Philadelphia sub-treasury. —— Gen. Blanco will take the field within the next fortnight. —— Gen. Weyler has defied the Spanish Government to take proceedings against him. —— Judge Purnell has allowed an appeal in the Smith's island case. —— Three expeditions are fitting out for Cuba at Florida ports. —— The Hanna combine was defeated in the organization of the Ohio Legislature; it is announced that Chas. D. Kurtz, who headed the opposition to Hanna, will be the candidate for U. S. Senator against Hanna and that Gov. Bushnell and Mayor McKisson have consented to this arrangement. —— The Spanish Government will send 5,000 troops to Cuba this month and about 10,000 more will be sent if needed. —— The consolidation of Nicaragua, Salvador and Honduras into a sovereign republic is progressing steadily, according to advices received at Washington. —— Fire in Farmville, Va., swept away thirty-six buildings, causing a loss of some $150,000, with insurance of $49,000. —— Thirty people were killed by the collapse of the floor and galleries of the City Hall at London, Ontario; how many were injured will never be known. —— Suit has been brought against J. B. Duke, the millionaire tobacconist, in Missouri; alleged to be a member of the "Trader Fire Lloyds" of New York, carrying on business in that State without license. —— Commissioner of Patents Butterworth is seriously sick at Thomasville, Georgia. —— New York markets: Money on call firm at 2½@3 per cent.; last loan at 2½ per cent. and closed at 2½@3 per cent.; cotton exchange closed; flour quiet and lower on choice brands of spring and winter; wheat, spot weak; corn spot weak, No. 2 35½c; rosin steady, strained, common to good $1 40 to 1 45; spirits turpentine quiet at 33½ to 33¾.

Port Almanac---January 4.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	5.01 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 51 M.
High Water at Southport	5.12 A. M.
High Water, Wilmington	6.52 A. M.

The Weather.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE,
WEATHER BUREAU,
WASHINGTON, Jan. 4.

Meteorological data for yesterday: Temperature: 8 a. m., 27 deg.; 8 p. m., 40 deg.; maximum, 46 deg.; minimum, 25 deg.; mean, 36 deg.

Rainfall for the day, .00; rainfall since 1st of month up to date, .00.

WEATHER CONDITIONS.

A ridge of high barometer extends from Florida north over New York, with fair weather prevailing under it, and cooler over the lower Lakes. A moderate storm area is central over the upper Mississippi valley. Fair warmer weather prevails over the greater portion of the interior of the country. Light snow occurred during the day over the lower Lakes and Middle States.

LOCAL FORECAST.

Local forecast, to 12 midnight Tuesday: fair warmer weather; southerly winds.

The Brooklyn congregation which refused to pray for Boss Platt probably felt that it didn't have any prayers to throw away.

Another one has been heard from. A New Hampshire pensioner has returned his pension. Conscience must be swinging around.

It is said that the Seminole Indians in Florida still hold slaves, and never heard of Abe Lincoln and his emancipation proclamation.

It is said that it costs young Bulger Leiter $3,250 a day to pay for storage, insurance, etc., on the 9,000,000 bushels of wheat he has piled up.

There are some indications that the monotony of life in Philadelphia may soon be broken. A Maine town has recently shipped to it one thousand cats.

With the talk about "McKinley prosperity" there was also much said about McKinley wages. The operators in the New England mills are getting a sample of them.

If Succi, the Italian faster, would go to Klondike and give them some lessons, he might make an everlasting fortune, and so might Dr. Schlatter if he went there and opened a shop for removing stomachs.

When Alabama can ship pig iron to Japan for $4 a ton less than English furnaces could it doesn't look as if Southern furnaces were standing in much dread of the "pauper labor" of England.

In view of the fact that "the pension roll is, or at least should be a roll of honor," a Republican contemporary rises to ask: "What possible harm could result from its publication?" Why, it might knock the bottom out of the pension attorney business and the p. a. would see a good deal of harm in that. Isn't that one of the industries the Republican party is expected to foster?

The average Englishman doesn't see much fun in life, but when an American circus comes along he forgets the roughness of life and enjoys himself. When Barnum's and Bailey's circus opened last week 22,661 people made a rush for seats the first day, and thousands more couldn't get in for want of room.

They have a compulsory school law in Pennsylvania, but it doesn't seem to compel in Philadelphia, where a police census shows 196,375 children between the ages of 6 and 16, while the roll of the public schools at the end of 1896 was only 138,538, or 57,840 less than the number between 6 and 16.

The Spanish Government has suppressed the publication of Weyler's protest. If the Spanish Government had suppressed Weyler a good while ago, it might have stood some chance of saving Cuba, but his brutality and savagery made that impossible now.

Thus far Jersey has had a sort of monopoly in manufactured "lightning," but a Massachusetts man has invented lightning, a bolt of which would lay a man out. About four fingers of the Jersey stuff would do it.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

King Grocery Co.—Start Right.
S. W. Sanders—White House coffee.
Opera House—"The Factory Girl."

BUSINESS LOCALS.

A Noble Life.
Atlantic Tea Co.—At less than cost.

Campbell Encampment, I. O. O. F.

At a regular meeting of Campbell Encampment No. 1, I. O. O. F., last night Past Grand Chief Patriarch L. L. Boone installed the following officers for the ensuing term:

H. P.—J. O. Wiggs.
C. P.—W. J. Reaves.
S. W.—F. T. Baldwin.
J. W.—W. H. Badon.
Scribe—W. H. Howell.
Treas.—N. Jacobi.
Guide—Leon Corbett.
1st W.—R. H. Northrop.
2d W.—William Latta.
3d W.—John Gordon.
4th W.—Frank LaFella.
G. of T.—J. S. Sneeden and T. G. Evans.
I. S.—A. C. Ezzell.
O. S.—W. G. T. Keen.

After the installation came a very interesting ceremony, when the "royal purple" degree was conferred upon Messrs. T. G. Evans, J. S. Sneeden and R. H. Northrop. An enjoyable evening was concluded with delicious refreshments.

RHODES' MERRYMAKERS

Greeted at the Opera House by a Large Audience.

Frank B. Rhodes' "Merrymakers" opened the first night of their week's engagement to a packed house.

For a repertoire company it is one of the best of its kind, and there is no question about its being one of the strongest on the road.

The specialties were good, each one in the cast seeming to please the audience in their respective roles judging from the generous applause. The scenery and stage settings were beautiful, and the costumes were simply up to date.

From the rise of the curtain until its fall, wit and humor prevailed.

To-night will be presented the three-act comedy, "Factory Girl." There will be a Wednesday afternoon matinee.

Colored Barber Shoots His Wife.

George Williams, a colored barber, shot his wife yesterday afternoon about 2 o'clock. The shooting occurred at the residence of Mr. Jos. H. Watters, where the woman is employed as cook. The ball took effect in one of her shoulders, glanced up and came out at the neck. The wound was dressed by Dr. J. C. Shepard. It was not a serious one. Williams has so far succeeded in eluding the officers.

The Cold Snap.

The weather man has been dispensing some rather cold weather recently. About 6 o'clock Sunday morning the thermometer dropped to 18½ degrees, and all day Sunday the temperature lacked a good deal of being mild. It moderated considerably yesterday. There was slight damage to the lettuce crop from the cold, truckers tell us.

Funeral of the Late Geo. F. Love.

The funeral of the late Geo. F. Love took place at 10 o'clock yesterday morning from St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. The solemn services were conducted by Rev. A. D. McClure, the pastor. After the services had been concluded, the procession moved to Oakdale cemetery where the interment was made.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. W. W. Hodges, J. W. Fleet, Jos. H. Hanby, J. D. Smith, D. C. Love and W. H. Hodges.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Mayor Wright is absent from the city, and it is said he is in Washington. Too late, too late. "Yes, the die is cast."

— Mr. T. E. Wallace has sold his business to Mr. N. J. Birch, and will probably give his farm at Burgaw his personal superintendence.

— Prayer meeting to-night at Emanuel Chapel, the service beginning at 7.30 o'clock. The "Indwelling of Christ" will be the topic discussed by Rev. Mr. Morton.

— The gentleman who advertised in the STAR for a bookkeeper will please send around his wheelbarrow for the replies received at this office.

— To-night at company drill of the W. L. I., the medal for attendance and proficiency in 1897 will be awarded to the winner, Mr. Hall G. Whitney, who made a percentage of 100.

— There were plenty of burst pipes yesterday and day before. At the court house one burst and let all the water out of the boiler, so that the heating of the building was seriously affected.

— Telegrams have been received here announcing the serious illness of Mr. T. C. Craft, Jr., formerly of this city, but now living in Baltimore. His mother, Mrs. T. C. Craft, left last evening to be at his bedside.

— The Carolina Ice Company will put in additional machinery sufficient to double its capacity. Work has already begun in making room for the enlarged plant, under the direction of Mr. H. E. Bonitz.

— Wilmington *Review:* "Our twinkling neighbor, the STAR, shines forth this morning in renewed and resplendent glory. It has a new dress throughout and looks taurine. This is a good way to celebrate New Year's."

— The STAR is requested to state that the "Singin' Skule" does not belong to the Star Course, and that therefore neither members of the Y. M. C. A. nor holders of Star Course tickets will be entitled to free admission.

— About the best calendar for counting-rooms we have seen is that sent us by Messrs. N. W. Ayer & Son, Newspaper Advertising Agents, Philadelphia. The large, clear-cut type are distinctly visible across a large room, and the calendar generally is a fine specimen of the printers' art.

— Raleigh *News and Observer:* "The Wilmington STAR celebrated New Year's day by coming out in a handsome new dress of type. It is the oldest daily newspaper in the State—is always reliable, progressive and ably edited. Its Democracy is of the best type."

— Cards have been issued announcing the marriage of Mr. H. E. Bonitz, the popular young architect, to Miss Kate C. Burnett, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Mallard. The marriage will be celebrated at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, January 12th, at St. Andrew's church. The young couple will be at home at 213 North Fifth street after February 2d.

Sensation at Fifth Street Church.

The congregation of Fifth Street M. E. church was amazed Sunday night when a man walked in excitedly and asked the minister who was conducting services, Rev. R. C. Beaman, if he had married his daughter to any person. The gentleman was Mr. W. T. Bray. He was mistaken in the man. It was Rev. W. L. Cunninggim who performed the ceremony which joined for life Miss Lucy Bray, a daughter of Mr. W. T. Bray, and Mr. A. P. Merritt. The young couple had anticipated parental objection, and that is why they shunned any appearance of ostentation and went quietly to the parsonage to be married.

Stonewall Lodge K. of P.

At a meeting of Stonewall Lodge, K. of P., last night D. D. G. C., C. D. Yarborough, assisted by Acting Grand Prelate Iredell Meares and Acting Master at Arms H. Cronenberg installed the following officers:

M. of W.—W. C. Smith.
C. C.—Jno. R. Turrentine, Jr.
V. C.—M. S. Willard.
Prelate—Jno. R. Hanby.
M. of F.—D. F. Barnes.
M. of Ex.—H. J. Bierman.
K. of R. and S.—W. F. Robertson.
M. at A.—G. O. Peterson.
I. G.—E. H. Batson.
O. G.—J. M. Holmes.

MAY COME TO WILMINGTON.

The Main Offices of the C. and W. C. Railroad May Come to Wilmington.

It is stated in an article printed in this issue of the STAR from the Augusta *Chronicle* that the main offices of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad, recently purchased by the Atlantic Coast Line, may be transferred to Wilmington, and it will affect the interests of about sixty young men in the employ of the road. All right. Let the offices come, and if necessary, bring the boys along too.

NOTICE.

Messrs. F. D. Lawrence and Robert Johnson are fully authorized to canvass Wilmington for new subscribers to THE DAILY STAR and to receipt for three months' subscriptions in advance.

WM. H. BERNARD.

To City Subscribers.

City subscribers are earnestly requested to report promptly at the STAR office every failure of the carriers to deliver their papers. In all such case steps will be taken to insure prompt and regular delivery.

THE CRIMINAL COURT.

Judge Sutton Presiding—The Grand Jury—A Number of Submissions in Unimportant Cases.

The Criminal Court of New Hanover county convened yesterday at 10 a. m., Judge T. H. Sutton presiding.

The following grand jury was drawn and empanelled: D. L. Gore, (foreman), C. F. VonKampen, D. S. Bender, S. D. Strickland, L. A. Bilbrow, Benj. Jennings, Wm. Piner, Jno. H. Hanby, C. H. Keen, A. C. Penton, W. J. Kellogg, LaFayette Gay, Jas. Elder, J. A. Oldham, A. C. Strickland, J. F. Rulfs, Jr., J. D. Steljes, W. H. Kelly.

Cases were taken up and disposed of during the morning session as follows:

State vs. G. W. Brown, carrying concealed weapons. Submitted.

State vs. Andrew Hill, larceny. Submitted.

State vs. Ed. Perry, carrying concealed weapons. Submitted.

State vs. Kenyon Murray, assault with deadly weapon. Submitted and defendant was given 6 mouths in the County House of Correction.

Jim Walker, assault and battery with deadly weapon. Defendant submitted and was given 60 days in the County House of Correction.

Court adjourned at 12 M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The court assembled at 3 o'clock.

The Grand Jury returned true bills found against Israel Bim, assault and battery with deadly weapon; Joseph Venus, assault and battery with deadly weapon; Willie Wilkins, larceny; Wm. Harrison, larceny; Richard Herring and Arthur White, larceny; Wm. Bolden, assault and battery with deadly weapon.

State vs. Lonny Hall, failure to support his wife, submitted and judgment suspended on payment of costs.

State vs. Emanuel Mosely, carrying concealed weapons. Judgment suspended upon payment of cost.

PAINFUL ACCIDENT.

Acorn Branch Sunday School.

The STAR learns of a delightful entertainment given by the Acorn Branch Sunday School, of which Mr. F. J. Dempsey is the successful superintendent. The programme follows:

Holy! Holy!
Prayer.
Hymn No. 73, "Triumph Songs."
Recitation by Sallie Abbott.
"Joy to the World," song.
Recitation by Miss Katie Jones.
Song by the school.
Recitation and song by six girls.
Recitation by two boys, Willie Kerr and John Dempsey.
Song by the children.
Recitation and song by Bessie Futch.
Song by the children.
Song by Misses Mittie and Katie James.

All the participants did excellently well, but special mention should be made of the recitation by Miss Bessie Futch.

Young Man Hurt While Sliding Down a Brass Pole.

Mr. Louis Rowell, the clever and gentlemanly young clerk at Gerken's cigar emporium, sustained quite a painful, but it is to be hoped not serious, accident while sliding down one of the brass poles at hook and ladder house No. 1. The slide was made too quickly for one inexperienced, and landed Mr. Rowell on the floor quite hard. It is thought his leg is only severely strained, but owing to the swelling of the limb it is hard to determine definitely as to whether it is a sprain or a fracture. Dr. Burbank is attending the young gentleman and at last accounts he was getting along as nicely as could be expected, although it will be some time before he will be able to get out again.

Death Rate in 1897.

The records in the office of Dr. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, show that during the last six months there have been in Wilmington 287 deaths, of which 95 were of white people and 182 of colored.

Dr. McMillan's record began with July 1, so they do not show the figures for the year. These can be approximated, however, by doubling the figures for the half year, showing that there were approximately 574 deaths. According to the population upon which the N. C. Board of Health reports are based, this would mean a death rate of 26.3 per 1,000 inhabitants.

The Weather For December.

The Monthly Metorological Statement issued by Mr. Chas. M. Strong, local forecast official at the Wilmington Weather Bureau station, gives a summary of conditions the past month.

The mean temperature was 49; the highest 70; on the 11th; the lowest 26 on the 25th. The mean temperature for December for 27 years, is 48.

The prevailing direction of the wind was West; maximum velocity 32 miles on the 26th.

Total rainfall 4.38 inches. The average precipitation for December, 27 years, is 3.05 inches.

All Bright for Albright.

Our Raleigh letter this morning states that Mr. C. F. Carroll has been appointed postal clerk on the Atlantic Coast Line to succeed Mr. J. E. Albright, resigned. It would seem from this that the young and robust Knight of Alamance considers his appointment to the Postmastership of Wilmington a "dead sure thing." Well, it does look that way to a "man up a tree." Even our neighbor-in-law Gee Zee and the Hon. Wilhelm Hernandez Chadbourn must admit this.

— The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Aldermen was not held last night, the Mayor being absent.

NEW HANOVER COUNTY.

Regular Monthly Meeting Of the Board of Commissioners.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS.

The Condition of Inmates of the County Home and the Jail—Appropriation Asked For Purchase of Vaccine Virus.

The regular monthly meeting of the County Commissioners was held yesterday at 2:50 p. m. with Chairman Foster and all the members present.

Reports from the county officers were received.

The report of Dr. W. D. McMillan, Superintendent of Health, showed that during December he had treated 117 patients in the office and made 149 visits to 117 patients at their homes, visited the jail three times, finding little sickness among the prisoners and none at the County Home. The inmates of the home are in better health than formerly. The report asked that an appropriation be made for the purchase of vaccine virus, and $3 was appropriated for this purpose. The report of the Associated Charities was received and ordered filed.

Register of Deeds C. W. Norwood's report showed that he had issued 33 marriage licenses in December. He exhibited the Treasurer's receipt for $3.35 amount due the county.

Mr. W. F. Alexander introduced a discussion about food being dispensed from the County Home to persons who are not inmates. It had developed that three colored people, not inmates, had been getting provisions regularly and that the daily allowance for each had been paid by the county. After some discussion resolutions were passed ordering that no allowance be made for keeping inmates at the Home unless the said inmate shall have answered when each meal is called, and shall have continuously slept at the Home during the period for which the superintendent shall demand pay for said inmate.

The resolutions further ordered that a leave of absence from the superintendent would have to be secured by every inmate before leaving; a detailed record of all leaves of absence to be kept by the superintendent and reported to the Commissioners.

The resolutions were passed with the understanding that they should be incorporated in a set of rules governing the County Home, now being prepared by Dr. McMillan.

On motion, the name of W. C. Smith was stricken from the list of jurors, on account of his being an active fireman.

Mr. W. M. Hansley was appointed special surveyor to run off lands for Messrs. Owen D. Hansley and Geo. W. Grady.

BOARD OF EDUCATION.

The Board of Education held its regular monthly meeting yesterday afternoon, but no important business was transacted. The apportionment of the school fund will be made shortly.

There was no further business, and the Board adjourned.

DISTRESSING AFFAIR.

Mr. J. W. McNair, a Prominent and Enterprising Citizen of Laurinburg, Dies by His Own Hand.

The painful intelligence reached here yesterday that Mr. J. W. McNair, of Laurinburg, son of Mr. J. F. McNair, of the firm of McNair & Pearsall, of this city, had, in a moment of mental aberration, died by his own hand. Not wishing to publish anything in reference to the sad affair without consulting the grief-stricken father, the STAR telegraphed the editor of the Laurinburg *Exchange*, during the forenoon, as follows:

"See Mr. J. F. McNair and telegraph the STAR just what he wishes said in regard to the death of his son. Tender him my sincere sympathy."

At 10.30 last night the following telegram was received from Mr. J. H. Cook, editor of the *Exchange:*

LAURINBURG, N. C., January 3.—Yours complied with. Mr. J. F. McNair is stricken with grief. Let your article contain the following facts: His son, J. W. McNair, was 25 years old, of excellent qualities and indomitable energy, though young, he was the largest merchant in Laurinburg. He was possessed of the wonderful nerve which brought him success in business. He committed suicide it is supposed, in a moment of extreme melancholia due to a general break down which came of wretched health and an overtaxed brain. He was financially strong and prosperous in business and socially popular.

His death is a stroke to the whole community. He was found lying in bed in his room about a half hour after he had used the pistol and razor which were the instruments of his death. The bullet entered his brain, producing instant death. As an evidence of the esteem in which he was held, his funeral in Lauringburg today at 2 o'clock was the largest ever known in this section. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, a young man of strictest integrity and admirable character. That the article be written with these facts as the basis is Mr. J. F. McNair's wish.

JNO. H. COOK.

Heptasophs Will Celebrate.

Oriental Conclave No. 1 and Jewell Conclave No. 3, Order of Heptasophs or Seven Wise Men, will publicly and jointly install officers at Tienken Hall to-night. There will be a sham initiation and refreshments will be served.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. Claude Gore returned to Wake Forest yesterday.

— Mr. Neill Emerson returned to Horner's School yesterday.

— Mr. J. P. Gibbons will return to Trinity College to-day.

— Mr. Jno. Mayland's friends are glad to see him out again.

— Mr. Alex. Sessoms, of Hope Mills, arrived in the city last evening.

— Mr. Hugh Turrentine has a temporary position with Mr. H. J. Gerken.

— Miss Claribel VanDike returned to Salem Female Seminary yesterday.

— Mr. Ed. Haar, of Charlotte, is in the city. He is a son of Mr. John Haar.

— Mr. F. M. Fulford has returned from a visit to Morehead City, his former home.

— Miss Lela McGirt and Miss Lucy Bowden returned to Greensboro Female College.

— Messrs. Henry Short, Burke Bridgers and Ed. Wooten will leave to-day, returning to school.

— Mr. F. S. Ellis, who has been spending the holidays at Orton plantation, has returned to Atlanta.

— Miss Lilla Young of Winston is spending a few days with Miss Annie Lee at Second and Grace streets.

— Mr. C. DuV. French, left yesterday morning to resume his duties as travelling salesman for the Helme Snuff Co.

— Miss Bessie Henderson of Salisbury left last evening for her home, after spending the holidays with Miss Carey Davis.

— Mr. Ed. McEachern left yesterday morning for Chapel Hill, where he resumes his studies at the University.

— Messrs. Geo. B. Pond and Geo. D. Vick, of the University Dramatic Club, left for Chapel Hill yesterday morning.

— Mr. Fab. Haywood, Jr., returned to Wilmington Sunday, after spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Raleigh.

— Mr. Winfield Young of Winston, who has been spending the holidays with Mr. Ed. McKoy, returned home yesterday morning.

— Mr. F. L. Ives, who has been with Mr. A. S. Winstead for some time, has accepted a position as bookkeeper in Fitzgerald, Ga.

— Mr. G. Kirby Collier left last night for Baltimore where he is a Medical student at the College of Physicians and Surgeons.

— Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Bowden returned to their home—Portsmouth, Va.—on Sunday, after spending a few days with relatives in the city.

— Messrs. R. Clinton Bunting, Pride Jones, Thomas and Jno. Wessell returned to Baltimore last night to resume their medical studies at the University of Maryland.

— Misses Lina O. Wiggins, Mary Borden, Leonora Cantwell and Tallulah DeRosset returned yesterday morning to the State Normal and Industrial School at Greensboro.

— General Auditor W. A Riach, of the Atlantic Coast Line, has returned from an official visit to Augusta on business pertaining to the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad.

— Messrs. Marsden and Harlee Bellamy, Geo. Davis, Jas. Post and Edwin Metts returned to the University yesterday morning, after spending the holidays with their parents.

— Mr. J. Hill Bunting has accepted a position as travelling salesman for Georgia for Messrs. Brown & Williamson, of Winston. Mr. R. G. Rankin, Jr., has taken Mr. Bunting's position with Messrs. Holmes & Watters, of this city.

AT Y. M. C. A. AUDITORIUM.

Personal Notis 'Bout the Singin' Skule To-nite from Jed Himself.

Mister Jedediah Bobbins wants it known that it haint his falt he haint teechin' in the "Singin' Skule' at the Y. M. C. A. Auditoryum for the "Jimnaizom" to-nite. He wanted to mity bad, but Mistus Bobbin sez he haint, so he haint. Jed saiz "that he is jist as glad, fur a lot of sides split over laffin' in Richmond and several other villages," and they skirred Jed so when they popped that he is afeered, as the skollars hear air even wuss at cuttin' up than they wuz thair, that the cunstable will hev the hole "Skule" in the kalaboose, and he tole Mistus Bobbin she kud go it on her own hook and she is goin' to go it or bust, and if she don't hev a crowd it taint her fault. Them that kums fust will git the fust seats, so kum erly. Tickets at Yates'.

Knights of the Golden Eagle.

At a regular meeting of Concordia Castle N. 1 K. G. E. held last night D. S. C., J. A. Orrell installed the following officers:

P. C.—J. E. Hall.
N. C.—Wm. Simpson.
V. C.—D. N. Maultsby.
H. P.—Jno. Thomas.
V. H.—J. T. Brown.
K. of E.—T. J. Gore.
C. of E.—D. D. Cameron.
M. of R.—W. R. Lindstrom.
Ensign—S. J. Ellis.
Esquire—W. Keathley.
W. C.—H. R. Boone.
1st G.—Jos. Chadwick.
2nd G.—E. J. Grimsley.
Trustees—J. F. Casteen, W. R. Lindstrom and Jno. Thomas.

— The British steamer *Trunky*, hence for Bremen, arrived out yesterday.

TWO SMALL FIRES.

A Blaze at the City Hospital Sunday Night—Mr. R. C. Orrell's Residence Slightly Damaged.

An alarm of fire was turned in at 3.40 o'clock Sunday afternoon from box 53. The fire was at the City Hospital, and the reason the alarm was sounded from box 53 (Eighth and Market streets) was that there are no boxes convenient to the hospital.

The department responded, but on account of the building's being a good distance from a hydrant the fire was extinguished before the stream was turned on. Mr. J. C. Morrison and one or two other gentlemen were passing when the blaze was discovered, and helped to put it out. It originated from a defective flue. The main damage, which amounted to about $150, was done in cutting away the wood-work in order to locate the fire.

At 9.25 o'clock last night an alarm of fire was sent in from box 48. The fire was located in a bed-room in the residence of Mr. R. C. Orrell, 315 Dock street. The fire caught from a spark which fell on some kindling near the fireplace. No one was in the room, and the flame got pretty well started before it was discovered. The Hook and Ladder boys, who live next door, were on hand in a "jiffy" and by the use of several buckets of water extinguished the fire before the damage had reached more than $15, which was fully covered by insurance.

C. AND W. C. RAILROAD.

Auditor Riach of the A. C. L. Visits Augusta on Business Connected With the New Purchase.

Mr. W. A. Riach, General Auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line, left here last Thursday evening for Augusta on business connected with the recent purchase of the Charleston and Western Carolina railroad. The Augusta *Chronicle* of the 1st inst. has this to say of his visit:

"Mr. W. A. Riach, Auditor of the Atlantic Coast Line, arrived in the city on yesterday and is quartered at the Arlington.

"All of yesterday Mr. Riach was engaged with the officials of the Charleston and Western Carolina, and with Mr. R. A. Brand, the general agent of the Atlantic Coast Line.

"Mr. Riach is unprepared to make for publication any statement as to the future policy of the Atlantic Coast Line so far as its running of the Charleston and Western Carolina system is concerned. Of course the road will not be inimical to the interests of Augusta. There will undoubtedly be some changes in the operating departments, but what these are to be no one knows as yet.

"Possibly the main offices will be transferred to Wilmington, and only a few men be left here. This is a matter of great interest in Augusta, for it affects about sixty young men who are in the employ of the road,"

Justice R. H. Bunting's Court.

Mary Jane Howard was before Justice R. H. Bunting yesterday in three caes, transferred from Geo. W. Price, colored, J. P. The first was a peace warrant. She gave bond to keep the peace three months, and paid the costs. She was also charged with slander, but in the absence of probable cause was dismissed. She submitted to the charge of assault and battery. Judgement was suspended on payment of costs.

Burton Spellman, assault and battery on Henry Kelly. In default of bond, he was bound over to Court.

Ed. Cobbler, arrested on a peace warrant, gave bond to keep the peace for three months and paid the costs.

E. W. Smith submitted to a charge of disorderly conduct. Judgment was suspended upon they payment of costs.

J. H. Kelly, assault on Burton Spellman with a stick. Dismissed on account of the lack of probable cause.

HOWARD RELIEF F. E. CO.

Officers Installed by This Famous Organization.

Howard Relief F. E. Co., No. 1 met last night and installed the following officers, Mr. John Hoar, Jr., acting as installing officer:

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Vice-President—J. W. Duls.
Secretary and Treasurer—J. G. L. Geischen.
Foreman—H. F. Harr.
1st Assistant—M. Schnibben.
2nd Assistant—H. D. Oldenbuttel.

The committee on by-laws and constitution made their report which will be acted on at next meeting.

The affairs of the company are in good condition, and there is every promise that it will continue to prosper in its new character of a relief and social organization.

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TO-NIGHT and all this week, with Wednesday and Saturday MATINEE,

Frank B. Rhodes' Merrymakers.

TO-NIGHT
"THE FACTORY GIRL,"

A Sparkling Comedy in Three Acts.
An Avalanche of Clever Specialties.
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PRICES, 10, 20, 30 CENTS.
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"SINGIN SKULE" IS KOMING. Y. M. C. A. Auditorium, Tuesday nite, Jan. 4th, for the Jim Nashum. Admishun, 50 sents; kids, 15 sents. Kum & Hev a Good Laff.
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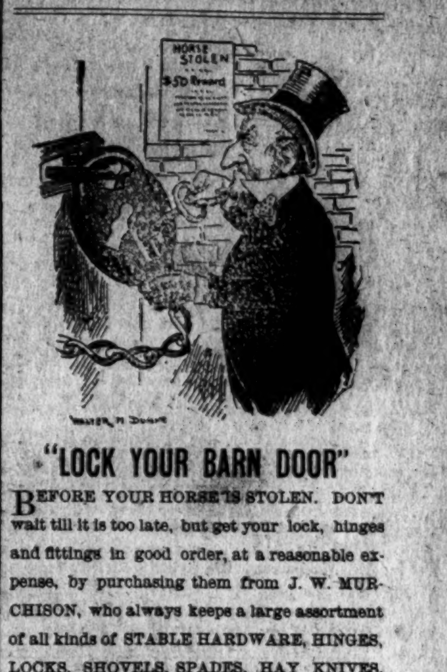

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the best on earth. A full line of Cooking and Heating Stoves always on hand.
Our line of AGATE WARE is the largest and most varied in the city.
Give us a call and we will please you.

J. W. MURCHISON,
jan 1 tf ORTON BUILDING.

MERRY CHRISTMAS.

Our Year's work has been hard; but the results are very gratifying. We sincerely thank our friends and the general public for their liberal patronage,

AND

Earnestly soliciting a continuation and increase of same, we wish you all the joy, happiness and pleasure the season brings; also,

A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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H. C. Evans' old stand. dec 25 tf.

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when they come to wish you many happy returns of the day should be with the most lavish hospitality. There is nothing that will taste better to a man on a cold day than a cup of hot bouillon, a slice of chicken, turkey, or a cold bird, while a chicken salad is indispensable. You will find everything in meats, poultry, game and oysters choice enough for the most fastidious epicure at this market.

I. B. RHODES.
de 22 tf Front Street Market.

Assignee's Sale.

ON WEDNESDAY, THE 5TH OF JANUARY, 1897, 12 o'clock M., I will sell for cash at public auction, the entire stock of Goods and Merchandise, consisting of

Gentlemen's Clothing and
Furnishing Goods

assigned to me by S. H. Fishblate, then remaining unsold. Sale will take place in the store where the Goods are situate. Until said date all Goods will be disposed of at retail at 10 per cent. less than cost.

A. G. RICAUD,
de 28 tf tu th sa Assignee.

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

TUESDAY MORNING, JAN. 4, 1898.

STRIKING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

Commissioner of Pensions, Evans, seems to be earnest in the matter of pension reform, and as one of the ways of making a beginning proposes some reform in the pension attorney department. About this time he is giving special attention to the attorneys, and in doing so he is striking in the right direction. The pension attorneys are not all bad, but there are a good many of them, about 7,000, and they have to hustle to make it pay. The big end of the business is secured by a few of the leading attorneys, some of whom have made large fortunes by it, and this compels the others to scuffle around briskly and take all the short turns they can to get business and make it pay when they do get it, for unless they secure pensions they do not secure much cash.

Since Commissioner Evans entered upon his office he seems to have caught on to the methods pursued, and has been pretty free in denunciation of them. This, of course, has subjected him to the fire of some of the attorneys, and he is now having some of the experience his predecessor, Lochren, had when he undertook to reform some of the abuses that came under his observation. The attorneys went for Lochren, not because he wanted to reform them, but simply because he wanted to save the people some of the millions that were being annually stolen from them by fraudulent practices. But Lochren was a Democrat, and they didn't think a Democrat, although he may have been a Union soldier, as Lochren had been, had any right to fool with the pensions or to find an fault with the way business in that department of the Government was conducted, or to object to the amount of the people's money that was shovelled out. Commissioner Evans is a Republican, and they seem to think that he hasn't any more right to fool with pensions than his Democratic predecessor had. Referring to the attacks made on him by the attorneys the Washington correspondent of the Philadelphia *Ledger* quotes him as saying:

"I have never condemned all of the attorneys. In their ranks I have many good friends, men above suspicion and of the highest character. But there are a great many attorneys who literally stop at nothing to secure a pension. The system is all wrong.

"The Government should have taken this matter in hand years ago and dealt directly with the pensioners and not conducted its business through attorneys. Senator Pritchard expresses the situation very clearly and forcibly in a recent interview, when he admitted that there was considerable duggery in this pension attorney business, and expressed the belief that the Government would do better by dealing directly with the veteran and not through attorneys. Look at the advantages of such arrangement. First of all, under the supervision of the Government the liability to frauds would be reduced to a minimum. We would have direct control of the attorneys, whose business it would be to see that all honest claims were promptly and intelligently presented. If one of these attorneys failed to do his duty or was found incompetent it would be an easy matter to remove him.

"Then it would be a great saving to the Government. Why, just think of it, $13,500,000 has been paid out in the past thirteen years to pension attorneys. This enormous sum has been taken from the poor pensioner. This present system is wrong. It is unsatisfactory to the old pensioners. How? Well, first of all they do not relish having part of their pension withheld and paid over to an attorney. Then there are cases were soldiers suffering from practically the same disabilities receive different pensions. One receives, say, $6 a month, while a friend of his for the same causes obtains $12. How does it happen? Sharp and unprincipled attorneys and incompetent medical examiners. There's the secret. This is a fraud, but how are you going to reach it?

"Here comes an old soldier for examination for increase. He is already pensioned for one disability, and now pleads for an increase on the ground that he is deaf. The medical officer in his district examines him, and, sure enough, the regular experiments for perfect hearing show a deficiency. There is nothing to do but certify to the additional disability. I remember a geod illustration of how an increase was worked through an attorney who was endowed with little conscience. The client was drawing a pension for some sligt disability—I forget exactly what it was—and applied for an increase. His attorney asked him a great many questions, in the hope of finding some excuse for basing a claim, and finally learned that the applicant at times suffered from diarrhœa. His advice to the soldier was to make the application through him in the usual way and wait for an attack before presenting himself for an examination."

"Then there are cases where the old soldier is illiterate, and a shrewd attorney prepares almost any kind of an affidavit he wants, and directs the soldier to sign it. He does it many times unconscious of what it contains. These are only a few illustrations of the sharp practices the Department unearths every day. To have the system entirely under Governmental control would break up such things, and redound to the good of the Government and the advantage of the old soldier."

If he had cared to enter into particulars he might have cited cases without number, where pensions have been recured on the flimsiest of pretences, as for instance that deacon out in Indiana who is drawing a pension for deafness while superintenting a long distance telephone, referred to by that conscientious gentleman who a few weeks ago returned the pension money he had drawn, because his awakened conscience would not permit him to retain it and continue drawing. Gen. McCook told the editor of the Augusta *Chronicle*, where he was in the Senate, about a soldier who was drawing a pension for a wound received from his own gun while foraging for. ducks on the Potomac. There are thousands upon thousands who are drawing pensions for no better reasons than the two here referred to.

But there is not the slightest doubt, as Commissioner Evans says, that the hustling pension attorneys are at the bottom of most of this devilment and most of this fraud. The average man who hankers for a pension wouldn't know how to go about fixing up his claims, and consequently he employs the attorney who is skilled in such matters, just as the average inventor employs a patent attorney to put his claims in shape and file them. The patent attorney can tell more about an invention and its numerous merits when he gets a squint at a model, or drawing, than the inventor can, and so the pension attorney knows lots of grounds for a pension that the applicant never dreamed of. He would be a very poor attorney who couldn't pick out from his catalogue of ailments one or more to fit the case of any loyal gun toter, horn tooter, mule propeller, thrifty sutler or other camp follower. They have their documents fixed up in skeleton form, so all they have to do is fill in the particular specifications, the wounds, diseases, etc., which are to bring the pension. This saves the pensioner all trouble, for the attorney takes the matter in hand, and gets a good slice of the chunk he buncos Uncle Sam out of, and they are smart enough to have their fees deducted before the money goes to the pensioner, thus saving them the trouble and risks of collecting.

Some idea of the slice they get may be formed from the statement that within thirteen years they have got $13,500,000, which is presumably the amount paid them by the pension office, and does not include fees paid by applicants when they employ attorneys, or fees paid to attorneys, or fees paid to attorneys in other cities than Washington. The figures here given wouldn't touch it. Commissioner Evans is right when he thinks that the government could save money by dealing with the pensioners direct and dispensing with the services of the middleman, who does most of the mischief in this business, and so would the honest pensioner.

MINOR MENTION.

Cable dispatches from Madrid inform us that the Government has suppressed Weyler's "proclamation," and that he had been or would be put under arrest. Later dispatches, stating that he was making explanations to the Queen to put himself right, indicate that he may be realizing the position he has put himself in since his recall and return to Spain, by criticising and defiantly opposing the Government under which he holds a commission as an officer in the army. The business of soldiers is to obey orders and not, publicly at least, criticise and discuss the course of the Government under which they serve, much less to throw obstacles in the way of carrying out governmental policies. But Weyler is not a soldier; he has not the first instinct of a soldier in him. He is not even a respectable savage, for a respectable savage would not make war on women and children as he did. The extent to which he carried his savagery is thus briefly told by the Atlanta *Constitution:*

"Without taking into account the legitimate losses occasioned by the war in Cuba, it is estimated that the depredations committed by General Weyler upon the property of the insurgents closely approximate in value the sum of $77,000,000.

"The bill of charges against the Spanish butcher is itemized as follows: One hundred thousand country houses and 50,000 dwellings in villages and hamlets destroyed, $16,000,000; 800,000 cocoa trees cut down, $5,000,000; 1,000,000 palm trees destroyed, $10,000,000; 2,000,000 fruit trees destroyed, $1,000,000; 5,000,000 banana plants destroyed, $125,000; 1,000 tracts of boniatas yuccas destroyed, $2,500,000; 4,000,000 coffee plants destroyed, $480,000; 3,000,000 small cocoa plants destroyed, $1,500,000; 2,000,000 horned cattle killed outright, $30,000,000; 2,000 horses killed, $200,000; 500,000 cordels of fencing burned, $3,000,000; 300,000 hives of domestic bees destroyed, $1,450,000; 650,000 head of sheep and swine destroyed, $2,300,000; 500,000 tierces of tobacco appropriated, $5,000,000.

"To this inventory of outrages inflicted upon property must be added the wholesale murders perpetrated by General Weyler upon defenseless women, children and invalids. In the annals of civilized warfare there is nothing to compare with the brutal record of the Spanish butcher."

As one of the results of this wholesale and wanton destruction of property thousands of people have died of disease and starvation; and appeals are now being made to this country to send food to the starving, clothing to the naked, and medicine to the sick. When Bob Ingersoll thinks of Weyler, he must feel inclined to confess that if there isn't a hot hereafter there should be.

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If Mayor Van Wyck, of the Greater New York, succeeds as well in the administration of his office as he did in his inaugural address his will be a model administration, as that was a model address, consisting of twenty words, and not big words, either. It was, in full: "The people have chosen me to be Mayor. I received the office from them, and to them I will answer." He might have labored on an address for forty days and forty nights and he could not have made a better one. It has been intimated that Mr. Van Wyck was a mere creature of Mr. Croker, and that Mr. Croker and not Van Wyck who would be Mayor. This has been the impression that some of the New York papers, which were opposed to Van Wyck, have been endeavoring to make ever since the election, and the probabilities are that it was this that inspired that short, sententious and model speech, which indicates, as far as speeches can, that Mr. Van Wyck carries his own head, doesn't belong to anybody, and recognizes his responsibility to the sovereign people and to them alone. As to his ability for such an important trust as that which he now holds that is to be demonstrated, but if his ability be of the same clear-cut order as the address he delivered, we predict success for him.

Succi, the Italian faster, has just finished up, at Rome, his sixty-fourth long time fast. Since he began the fasting business he has spent 2,500 days, or nearly seven years, without food. Considering the vacations he has given his stomach, it looks like a confirmation of Dr. Schlatter's contention that a stomach is not a necessary part of a mortal's equipment.

Hood's Sarsaparilla is prepared by experienced pharmacists who know precisely the nature and quality of all ingredients used. †

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— If the United States government would send warships instead of condensed milk to Havana, there would soon be no necessity for appeals for charity for starving Cubans.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem.*

—— Editor Godkin thinks there is "an end of facing both ways" in the McKinley administration. Alas! the performance of riding two horses has just begun. Mr. Gage rides a sorrell, and the president a nick-tail roan.—*Atlanta Constitution, Dem.*

—— Chairman Dingley says that he knows where to get $25,000,000 or $30,000,000 of added revenue whenever it shall be needed. This would be a very indiscreet observation to make during the sitting of Congress. Mr. Dingley would very likely be asked to produce his extra cash as quickly as possible.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— Samuel Gompers sits down heavily upon Secretary Gage. Mr. Gage is a sincere man and no politician. He tells the truth about his party and designs for the impoverishment and enslavement of the masses. He had put McKinley and the dodgers in a hole. He repudiates the maxim of Talleyıand that "language was invented to conceal ideas." *Augusta Chronicle, Dem.*

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

—Salisbury *Sun*: The *Sun* this (Friday) morning received news of a most brutal murder which was committed near Mauney's Mill, in the eastern part of Rowan yesterday evening. The man killed was Milas Reid and the murderer is Thomas Broadway, both white.

—Fayetteville *Observer*: Mr. O. F. Goddard was placed in the county jail Friday on a charge of embezzement, preferred by Mr. T. C. Vann. Mr. Vann claims that while collecting his butcher bills Mr. Goddard appropriated some of the money. Mr. Goddard was arrested Wednesday and Messrs. T. F. Lewis and D. P. Williams went on his bond. He left the city, however, Thursday night and was rearrested in Rowland and his bondsmen gave him up. —— The Dispensary Board have instructed the dispensary manager to turn over to the city $1,200 and to the county a like amount—a part of the profits for the past six months.

—Raleigh *Post:* The preliminary trial of John W. Harrison which has been in progress since last Wednesday in Winston for shooting Paul Stockton, a street car moterman, on December 29, was concluded at 7 o'clock Saturday night. At the suggestion of counsel for the defendant, the court, by consent of council for the State, bound Harrison over to the next term of Superior Court, his bond being fixed at $5,000, which he gave. The trial has attracted great crowds for three days. Opinion now seems to be that Harrison may be able to prove self-defence in the Superior Court, or at most will get a short term for manslaughter. The fact that Stockton had a year previously insulted Harrison's wife, it is suggested, will have more weight with a jury than it had with the three Justices of the Peace who presided at the preliminary trial.

—Greensboro *Telegram:* A deep shadow of gloom and sorrow was cast over the home of Dr. and Mrs. Albert R. Wilson, on Church street, Friday night, and instead of a bright, happy New Year for them it is one of sadness. About 7.30 o'clock their little 9-year-old son Price was dressed in his night robe ready for bed and was standing near the grate. His clothing became hot, and in turning around swept too near the red hot coals, was ignited and in an instant he was wrapped in a sheet of flames. His mother and grandmother made frantic efforts to tear the burning clothing from his body, but failed and escaping from them the little fellow ran into the hall, where a window was open and the draught fanned the flames into greater fury. The clothing was burned nearly off him before the fire was extinguished. Dr. Brooks was hastily summoned and was soon with the little sufferer, but powerless to save him, and death came to his relief about 4 o'clock this morning.

TWINKLINGS.

— "Have they nominated a man of affairs?" "I believe. There is talk, particularly, of an affair with an actress."—Detroit *Journal.*

— Mr. Dashing—"Are you fond of codfish balls, Miss Olive?"

Miss Olive (of St Louis)—"I don't believe I ever attended one."

— Mrs. Hunter—"I've been down town all afternoon and feel awfully tired."

Mr. Hunter—"Undoubtedly, my dear; you do look rather shop-worn."

— Modiste—"What style of sleeve would you prefer, Miss De Fashion?"

Miss De Fashion—"What is the correct thing this season—too tight or too loose?

— He spoke from experience. Major—Colonel, do you think there is any money in horse racing?

Colonel—Yes, indeed. All mine is. —*Puck*

— Simkins—"I thought you said Breezy was wedded to truth."

Timkins—"So I always thought."

Simkins—"Well, if he ever was, he's a widower now."

— "I have changed my mind about being an old maid."

"For what reason?"

"Well, I have to bear all the worries of my brothers and sisters, so I might as well marry and have worries of my own."

— A Leap Year Proposal—Jack—"Miss De Haven said she'd give me what was in her stocking Christmas morning for what was in mine."

Tom—"Did you agree to it?"

Jack—"No; this isn't leap year."

— "I see, said the man who reads the papers, "that they've got a three-year-old preacher down South a seven-year-old lawyer out West."

"Yes, sighted the bald-headed man. "I suppose they'll be putting children in the front rows at the theatres next."

— "Why, papa," said Frances, who was looking at the family album, "surely this isn't a picture of you?" "Yes," replied papa, "that is a picture of me, taken when I was quite young." "Well," commented the little girl, "it doesn't look as much like you as you look now."—*London Figaro.*

— What Puzzled Him: "Yes," he said thoughtfully, "I admit I have been leading a pretty fast life, and every one seems to think I ought to reform. But the fact is, I don't know what to do first,"

"Ought to do first," they all cried in astonishment. "Why, you ought to settle down and—"

"That's just the question," he interrupted. "Ought I to settle down or settle up."—*Chicago Evening News.*

A Child's Question.

James Payn tells of an amusing question put to him seriously by a little boy of his own The family were being driven out of their London house to make way for the painters, cleaners and whitewashers. "Papa," said the child, who had evidently been turning the matter over in his own little head, "where do the people in heaven go when the spring cleaning begins there?" The problem was too perplexing even for Mr. Payn.

Prepared to Acquiesce.

She (sentimentally)—What poetry there is in fire!

He (sadly)—Yes. A great deal of my pretty poetry has gone there.—Toronto Herald.

The Greatest Discovery Yet.

W. M. Repine, editor Tiskilwa (Ill.) *Chief*, says: "We won't keep house without Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption, Coughs and Colds. Experimented with many others, but never got the true remedy until we used Dr. King's New Discovery. No other remedy can take its place in our home, as in it we have a certain and surec ure for Coughs, Colds, Whooping Cough, etc." It is idle to experiment with other remedies, even if they are urged on you as just as good as Dr. King's New Discovery. They are not as good, because this remedy has a record of cures, and besides is guaranteed. It never fails to satisfy. Trial bottles free at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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The fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher is on every wrapper.

CARRY THEIR EGGS.

LARGE BIRDS DISCOVERED BY EXPLORERS THAT DO THIS.

The Nest of the Albatross and Some Others Is Where They Sit Down—An Island In the Antarctic Regions—The Experience of Audubon.

Some time ago a small party of explorers landed on one of the apparently barren islands just on the borders of the antarctic regions and found it inhabited by a remarkable colony of birds that ranged from large Mother Carey like birds to penguins of all kinds and degrees. The island was fairly covered with the feathered inhabitants, and, as the boat ran on to a rock that apparently afforded a landing, the birds, instead of moving away, seemed determined to resent the intrusion and stood their ground, viciously attacking the men, who, though they knocked the birds aside with clubs and oars, made no appreciable inroad upon their numbers.

The party then formed a compact body, and, armed with boathooks to push the shrieking throng aside, moved up what apparently was a street here and there dotted with singular stool-like objects about 8 feet in width, larger at the top. These were the nests of the albatross, and, as the men were especially desirous of obtaining a set of eggs, they observed the nests very carefully, but in every instance the bird when approached shuffled clumsily away, and no eggs were found, though the birds were supposed to be sitting upon them.

Finally a nest was found containing an egg, but just as the men drew near the bird alighted and took her place upon it, eying them with suspicion and uttering a curious half hissing sound. They watched her for a few moments and then forced her from the nest, when, to their amazement, the egg had disappeared as completely as though it had been swallowed up. The nest was examined closely and finally torn apart, the men thinking that possibly the egg might have slipped into it in some mysterious way, but without success.

One of the party attempted to catch an albatross, and while he was following the bird in a ludicrous chase over the stubble an egg suddenly appeared, dropped by the running bird, which had all the time been carrying it, not under her wing, as she is supposed to do at sea by superstitious sailors, but in a peculiar sack in the skin provided by nature for this very purpose.

The albatross is famed for its power of flight, following vessels hundreds of miles. Yet when nesting it apparently forgets that it has wings, as it can be handled and pushed about in the nest, making no attempt to fly or move unless driven away by blows. This may be due to the fact that the egg is held in the curious sack and the bird instinctively knows that it cannot fly off with it; so it resists.

This sly bird is called the molly mauk. And its cousin, the great albatross, has a similar habit, the egg, which is five inches in length, almost as large as that of a swan, being held in a perfect incubating pouch.

On Marion island the explorers found the great king penguin—a bird which stands half as high as a man, with its bill pointing directly upward instead of out, as with other birds. As they landed and approached the singular creatures, which had been standing about, they hopped away slowly, but not an egg could be found, a set of which was the object of the visit.

The birds had a peculiar movement. Instead of walking and moving one foot after the other, or alternately, they held them close together and hopped. This excited the laughter of the men, who finally toppled a bird over, whereupon the egg rolled out upon the sand.

The king penguin was also an egg carrier, not only holding it while standing still, but carrying the big egg about with it by placing it in a pouch for the purpose, holding it in with the broad webbed feet that are kept closely together. This explained the curious hopping motion of the birds, as they could not move their feet without dropping the egg, but the moment one was forced to give up the prize it ran away, using both feet, like ordinary birds.

This remarkable habit does away with the necessity of a nest, as the bird carries its egg with it as it moves about. In these instances the birds rarely transport the egg to a great distance. If undisturbed, they probably remain about a certain locality, but there are birds which have been known to transport their eggs from one place to another, literally flying away with them. When Audubon first heard this story of the nighthawk, called Chuck Will's widow, he thought it a story of the negroes. Some insisted that the bird carried the egg away under its wing; others that it rolled the egg over the ground. To determine the truth Audubon concealed himself in the woods under a nest, having first handled the eggs, and waited to see what the old bird would do. The first bird to arrive appeared very dejected at the discovery that the secret home had been found, ruffling up its feathers and uttering a moaning cry just audible to the listener. Then the mate arrived, and, after various movements indicative of alarm, each bird took an egg in its capacious mouth and flew softly away.

Le Vaillant, the French naturalist, observed the collared goatsucker of the Cape of Good Hope carrying off its eggs in the same manner—a comparatively easy feat, as the mouth of all these birds is very capacious, a veritable trap when the jaws are opened for the various insects upon which they feed in the dusk between day and night.

Many birds carry their young short distances, as the woodcock, which has been seen carrying off a little one between the claws, while it is well known that the wood duck carries its young down from the nest in trees to the water, using her bill for the purpose.—Philadelphia Times.

The Circle County.

The oddest shaped county among the 3,000 which go to make up the separate divisions of the various states is Warren county, Tenn. It lies almost exactly in the geographical center of the state mentioned and is about as near a perfect circle as any division of land could possibly be. The circle would be perfect but for the fact that there is a short stretch of the northern boundary line which follows a small stream for a short distance. It is bounded by Cannon, DeKalb, Coffee, Grundy, Van Buren and White counties and is in no way remarkable except in shape.—St. Louis Republic.

A Clever Trick.

It certainly looks like it, but there is really no trick about it. Anbody can try it who has Lame Back and Weak Kidneys, Malaria or nervous troubles. We mean he can cure himself right away by taking Electric Bitters. This medicine tones up the whole system, acts as a stimulant to the Liver and Kidneys, is a blood purifier and nerve tonic. It cures Constipation, Headache, Fainting Spells, Sleeplessness and Melancholy. It is purely vegetable, a mild laxative, and restores the system to its natural vigor. Try Electria Bitters and be convinced that they are a miracle worker. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50c a bottle at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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Are much in little; always ready, efficient, satisfactory; prevent a cold or fever, cure all liver ills, sick headache, jaundice, constipation, etc. Price 25 cents. The only Pills to take with Hood's Sarsaparilla.

Unauthentic Portraits of Franklin.

It seems the height of absurdity to look upon the so called "Sumner Portrait of Franklin at Twenty," belonging to Harvard university, as an authentic portrait. Where did Franklin, who was grubbing for funds to carry him home at the time this picture is supposed to have been painted, get the money for the "purple and fine linen" in which he is arrayed, let alone to pay the artist for his work? Aside from Franklin's circumstances being against its authenticity, his "Autobiography" is silent upon so important a subject as this portrait, and its history is purely mythical.

Another picture that has no better claim to be considered a likeness of Benjamin Franklin hangs in the Metropolitan Museum of Art and was painted by Stephen Elmer, an English still life painter. There is nothing to show that it was given the name of Franklin until 1824, when a plate engraved by Ryder and published in 1782, as "The Politician," was relettered and issued with the name of Franklin.

The last picture to be mentioned in this expurgatorial list is of the first importance as a work of art. It was painted by Thomas Gainsborough and is in the collection of the Marquis of Lansdowne, but it is clearly not Benjamin Franklin. It is, in my opinion, the portrait of Governor William Franklin.—Charles Henry Hart in McClure's Magazine.

The First Steam Power.

The power of steam was known to Hero of Alexandria, who exhibited what seems from the description to have been a small steam engine to Ptolemy Philadelphus and his court about 150 B. C. Pliny describes a small boat, built by a "magician" of Rome, which moved by means of a wheel, "driven by a pot of hot water." Watt's invention of a rotary steam engine was patented in 1769. The first railway locomotive was built by Trevithick in 1804. The first practical locomotive was perfected by Stephenson in 1829. As early as 1707 Denys Papin built a model of a steamboat, which was destroyed by a mob of boatmen. The first practical steamboat was built by William Symington in 1802. In 1803 Robert Fulton, in connection with Chancellor Livingston, built a steamboat which was tried on the Seine. In 1807 the Clermont began trips from New York to Albany.

A Discreet Estimate.

"Papa," said young Mrs. Hunker, "won't you please give George and me $10,000?"

"What do you want that much money for?"

"We want to build a $5,000 house." —Harlem Life.

Did Him a Favor.

Pedestrian (to footpad)—Money or my life, is it? I was wondering how I was going to live through this week. Now I won't have to. Very kind of you. Shoot away.—Boston Transcript.

The willow is one of the most adaptable of plants. A willow switch stuck in the wet ground will almost invariably take root and become a tree.

In ten days a letter from New York will be delivered in Brussels.

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Wholesale Prices Current.

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted.

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged.

BAGGING—		
2 lb Jute	@	6¾
Standard	@	7⅞
WESTERN SMOKED—		
Hams	[illegible]	[illegible]
Sides	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shoulders	[illegible]	[illegible]
DRY SALTED—		
Sides	[illegible]	[illegible]
Shoulders	[illegible]	[illegible]
BARRELS—		
Second-hand	[illegible]	[illegible]
New New York	[illegible]	[illegible]
New City	[illegible]	[illegible]
BEESWAX	[illegible]	[illegible]
BRICKS—		
Wilmington	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
BUTTER—		
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
CORN MEAL—		
Per bushel, in sacks	[illegible]	[illegible]
Virginia Meal	[illegible]	[illegible]
COTTON TIES	[illegible]	[illegible]
CANDLES—		
Sperm	[illegible]	[illegible]
Adamantine	[illegible]	[illegible]
CHEESE—		
Northern Factory	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dairy, Cream	[illegible]	[illegible]
State	[illegible]	[illegible]
COFFEE—		
Laguyra	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rio	[illegible]	[illegible]
DOMESTICS—		
Sheeting	[illegible]	[illegible]
Yarns	[illegible]	[illegible]
EGGS	[illegible]	[illegible]
FISH—		
Mackerel	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Mullets	[illegible]	[illegible]
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N. C. Roe Herring	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dry Cod	[illegible]	[illegible]
FLOUR—		
Low grade	[illegible]	[illegible]
Choice	[illegible]	[illegible]
Straight	[illegible]	[illegible]
First Patent	[illegible]	[illegible]
GLUE	[illegible]	[illegible]
GRAIN—		
Corn, from store	[illegible]	[illegible]
Car load	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats, from store	[illegible]	[illegible]
Oats, Rust Proof	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cow Peas	[illegible]	[illegible]
HIDES—		
Green	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dry	[illegible]	[illegible]
HAY—		
Clover Hay	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rice Straw	[illegible]	[illegible]
Eastern	[illegible]	[illegible]
Western	[illegible]	[illegible]
North River	[illegible]	[illegible]
HOOP IRON	[illegible]	[illegible]
LARD—		
Northern	[illegible]	[illegible]
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]
LIME	[illegible]	[illegible]
LUMBER—		
Ship Stuff	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rough-edge Plank	[illegible]	[illegible]
West India cargoes	[illegible]	[illegible]
Dressed Flooring	[illegible]	[illegible]
Scantling	[illegible]	[illegible]
MOLASSES—		
Barbadoes	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Porto Rico	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Sugar-House	[illegible]	[illegible]
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Syrup	[illegible]	[illegible]
NAILS	[illegible]	[illegible]
PORK—		
City Mess	[illegible]	[illegible]
Rump	[illegible]	[illegible]
Prime	[illegible]	[illegible]
ROPE	[illegible]	[illegible]
SALT—		
Liverpool	[illegible]	[illegible]
Lisbon	[illegible]	[illegible]
American	[illegible]	[illegible]
On 125	[illegible]	[illegible]
SHINGLES—		
Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Cypress Saps	[illegible]	[illegible]
SUGAR—		
Standard	[illegible]	[illegible]
White Extra C	[illegible]	[illegible]
Extra C	[illegible]	[illegible]
C Yellow	[illegible]	[illegible]
SOAP	[illegible]	[illegible]
STAVES—		
R. O.	[illegible]	[illegible]
TIMBER—		
Mill, Prime	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mill, Fair	[illegible]	[illegible]
Common	[illegible]	[illegible]
Inferior to Ordinary	[illegible]	[illegible]
SHINGLES—		
6x24	[illegible]	[illegible]
5x20	[illegible]	[illegible]
6x24	[illegible]	[illegible]
TALLOW	[illegible]	[illegible]
WHISKEY—		
North Carolina	[illegible]	[illegible]
WOOL	[illegible]	[illegible]

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

STAR OFFICE, January 3.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE.—Market quiet at 30½ cents per gallon for machine-made casks and 30½ cents for country casks.

ROSIN.—Market firm at $1.15 per bbl for Strained and $1.20 for Good Strained.

TAR.—Market firm at $1.05 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market quiet; $1.40 per barrel for Hard, $1.90 for Dip and 1.90 for Virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm, 25@24½c; rosin firm, $1.45, $1.50; tar quiet, $1.00; crude turpentine dull, $1.40, $1.90, $1.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	169
Rosin	745
Tar	268
Crud Turpentine	33

Receipts same day last year.—46 casks spirits turpentine, 1,804 bbls rosin, 246 bbls tar, 14 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 5 7-16c. per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	3	cts. ⅌ lb
Good Ordinary	4 6-16	" "
Low Middling	5	" "
Middling	5 7-16	" "
Good Middling	5 11-16	" "

Same day last year, middling 6⅝c.

Receipts—612 bales; same day last year, 361.

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina—Prime, 35@40c per bushel of 28 pounds; Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c. Virginia—Extra Prime, 45c; Fancy, 50c.

CORN.—Firm; 47½@50 cents per bushel.

ROUGH RICE.—$1.00@1.05 per bushel.

N. C. BACON.—Steady; hams, 8 to 9c per pound; shoulders, 6 to 7c; sides, 7 to 8c.

SHINGLES.—Per thousand, five inch, hearts and saps, $1.60 to $2.25; six inch, $2.25 to $3.25; seven inch, $5.50 to $6.50.

TIMBER.—Market steady at 8.00 to $8.50 per M.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 3.—Money on call firm at 2½@3 per cent., last loan at 2½ per cent. and closed at 2½@3 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 3½@4½ per cent. Sterling exchange was firmer, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4.84¾@4.85 for demand and 4.82¼@4.82½ for sixty days. Posted rates 4.83@4.85½ and 4.86. Commercial bills at 4.81. Silver certificates 57½@58. Bar silver 57¼. Mexican dollars 46¼. Government bonds firm; U. S. new 4's, registered, 128; U. S. new 4's, coupon, 128; U. S. 4's 112¼; U. S. 4's, coupon, 113¼; U. S. 2's 99½; U. S. 5's, registered, 114; U. S. 5's, coupon, 114. State bonds firm; North Carolina 6's 125; North Carolina 4's 101.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 3.—Rosin steady; strained, common to good, $1 40@1 45. Spirits turpentine quiet at 33½@33½c.

SAVANNAH, GA., January 3.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c; sales 504 bales; receipts 535 bales. Rosin firm; sales 1,401 bales; quotations: A, B, C, D $1 20, E, F 1 25, G 1 35, H 1 60, I 1 75, K 1 85; M 2 00, N 25, W G, 2 50, W W 3 00.

CHARLESTON, January 3.—Spirits turpentine firm at 30½c. Rosin firm; A, B, C, D $1 10, E, F 1 15, G 1 20, H 1 30, I 1 40, K 1 60, M 1 80, N 2 20, W G 2 40, W W 2 90.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 3.—Cotton Exchange closed.

January 3.—Galveston, holiday net receipts — bales; Norfolk, holiday, net receipts — bales; Baltimore, holiday, net receipts — bales; Boston, quiet at 5 15-16c., net receipts 1,945 bales; Wilmington, firm at 5 7-16c., net receipts 612 bales; Philadelphia, holiday, net receipts 200 bales; Savannah, holiday, net receipts 6,348 bales; New Orleans, holiday, net receipts 12,541 bales; Mobile, quiet at 5½c., net receipts 5,529 bales; Memphis, steady at 5⅝c., net receipts 3,218 bales; Augusta, not received, net receipts — bales; Charleston, holiday, net receipts 1,340 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

NEW YORK, January 3.—Flour quiet and lower on choice brands of spring and winter; city mill patents $5 65@5 90; winter patents $4 80@5 15. Wheat—Spot weak; No. 2 red $1 00⅜; options opened weak under cables, declined further on heavy visible supply increase, and closed ⅜c. lower, having received very little support from any source during the day; No. 2 red January 97¼@97¼, closed 97⅛c; February 97⅛@97⅛c, closed 97⅛c; May 93¼@93⅝c, closed 93⅛c. Corn—Spot weak; No. 2 35⅛c; options opened easier with wheat and subsequently declined under cables, closing ⅛c net lower; January closed 33⅛c; May closed 34⅛c. Oats—Spot weak; No. 2 28½@28⅛c; options quiet and easier, closing at ⅛c net decline; May closed 28c. Lard firm; Western steam $5 10. Pork firm; Mess $8 75@9 25. Butter firm; Western creamery 15@22c; do. factory, 12@15c; Elgins, 22; imitation creamery, 13½@18c; State dairy, 15@20c; do creamery, 15@21c. Cheese steady; large white September, 8½@8⅝c. Petroleum dull; United closed with no market; refined $5 40. Rice quiet; domestic, fair to extra 4½@6½c; Japan 5@5½c. Molasses steady; New Orleans, open kettle, good to choice, 26@31c. Cotton oil quiet but firmer; prime crude 22½c; do. yellow 18½@19c. Coffee—Spot Rio easier; No. 7 invoice 6½c; mild quiet; Cordova, 8½@15c. Sugar—raw strong; fair refining 3½c; centrifugal, 95 test, 6½c; refined strong; mould A 4½c; standard A 5½c; confectioners' A 5½c; cut loaf 5½c; crushed 5½c; powdered 5 7-16c; granulated 5½c; cubes 5 7-16c.

CHICAGO, Jan. 3.—There was more interest displayed in the annual Board of Trade election which took place today than in trading in any of the grain and provision pits. Wheat was weak, following statistical information of that tendency and closed 1@1½c lower. Corn lost ⅛c and oats ⅛@⅛c of their former prices. Provisions were strong and 2½@10c higher at the close.

CHICAGO, January 3.—Cash quotations: Flour quiet and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring 86½@87c; No. 3 spring 80@89c; No. 2 red 90½@91c. Corn—No. 2, 26½@26½c. Oats—No. 2, 22½@23c.; No. 2 white, f. o. b., 24@25½c; No. 3 white, f. o. b., 23½@24½c. Rye—No. 2, 46c. Mess pork, per barrel, $9 05@9 10. Lard, per 100 lbs., $4 80. Short rib sides (loose) $4 50@4 75. Dry salted shoulders (boxed) $4 50@4 75. Short clear sides (boxed) $4 75@4 85. Whiskey, distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 19.

The leading futures ranged as follows, opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2, January 91½, 91½, 90½, 90½@91c.; May 92c, 92, 91, 91½@91⅝c; July 83⅞@83½, 83½, 83, 83½c. Corn—January 26½, 26½, 26½, 26½c; May 29½@29½, 29½, 29, 29@29½c; July 30½, 30½, 30½, 30½@30½c. Oats—January 22½, 22½, 22, 22c; May 23½, 23½, 23½@23½, 23½c. Mess pork, per barrel, January $9 07½, 9 07½, 900, 9 07½; May $9 37½, 9 37½, 9 20, 9 32½. Lard, per 100 lbs.—January $4 82½, 4 82½, 4 75, 4 80; May $4 95, 4 95, 4 87½, 4 95. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $4 57½, 4 60, 4 50, 4 52½; May $4 72½, 4 75, 4 67½, 4 72½.

BALTIMORE, January 3.—Flour unchanged. Wheat dull and lower; spot and month 96½@97c; May 94½c; steamer No. 2 red 91½@92c; Southern wheat by sample 93@98c; do on grade 92½@97½c. Corn weak; spot and month 32⅜@32⅜c; steamer mixed 30⅜@30½c; Southern white and yellow corn 29@24c. Oats firm and quiet; No. 2 red 29½c; No. 2 mixed 27½@28c.

LIVERPOOL, January 3—The Cotton Exchange is closed to-day.

MARINE.

CLEARED.

Schr D J Sawyer, 326 tons, Kelley, Port of Spain, Trinidad, Kidder Lumber Co.

EXPORTS.

PORT OF SPAIN—Schr D J Sawyer—327,042 feet lumber, valued at $4,381. Vessel by Geo Harriss, Son & Co; cargo by Kidder Lumber Co.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Jan. 4, 1898.

SCHOONERS.

artholdi, 299 tons, Grafton, master.

Ella G. Eells, 230 tons, Cushman, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Ira B. Ellems, 263 tons, Marston, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Fred B. Belano, 256 tons, Sawyer, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Robert F. Bratton, 62 tons, Harriss, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Nimrod, 257 tons, Green, Jas. T. Riley & Co.

Clara, 281 tons, Hatch, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

D J. Sawyer, 326 tons, Kelley, Geo Harris, Sons & Co.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, Geo Harriss, Son & Co.

Mable Darling (Br), 112 tons, Roberts, Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

Roger Moore, 277 tons, Miller, Jas T Riley & Co.

Solid (Swed), 507 tons, Wedin, Jas T Riley & Co.

BARQUES.

Falcon (Nor), 390 tons, Ohre, Paterson, Downing & Co.

STEAMSHIPS.

Morven (Br.) 2,360 tons, Ellis, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Hawkhurst (Br), 1,528 tons, Watson, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Yearby (Br) 1,955 tons, Goldworthy, Alex. Sprunt & Son.

Lucerne (Br), 1,227 tons, Wallace, Glasgow, J. H. Sloan.

NOTICE!

Sale of Valuable Real Estate.

BY VIRTUE OF A DECREE OF THE SUPErior Court of New Hanover county, made at the September term, 1897, in a cause pending wherein Martha F. Maunder, executrix, is plaintiff, and F. Meier at al, are defendants, I will at 12 o'clock M., on Monday the 10th day of January, 1898, sell at public auction, for cash, at the Court House Door in the county of New Hanover aforesaid, the lot of land and premises described in the complaint, situate in the city of Wilmington, N. C., and described as follows: Beginning at a point in the southern line of Market street 60 feet westwardly from the southwestern intersection of Market and Fifteenth streets, and running thence along said line of Market street westwardly 30 feet, thence southwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the northern line of Meadow street, thence eastwardly along said line of Meadow street and parallel with Market street 30 feet, and thence northwardly and parallel with Fifteenth street 150 feet to the beginning, the same being a part of the eastern ends of Lots 1, 2 and 3 in Block 487, according to the plan of said city.

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ROBERT C. ORRELL, Commissioner.

A. J. MARSHALL. Attorney. de 19 20t

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To MOTHERS.

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I, DR. SAMUEL PITCHER, of Hyannis, Massachusetts, was the originator of "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," the same that has borne and does now bear the fac-simile signature of Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. This is the original "PITCHER'S CASTORIA," which has been used in the homes of the Mothers of America for over thirty years. LOOK CAREFULLY at the wrapper and see that it is the kind you have always bought* Chas. H. Fletcher *on the and has the signature of* Chas. H. Fletcher *wrapper. No one has authority from me to use my name except The Centaur Company of which Chas. H. Fletcher is President.*

March 8, 1897. Samuel Pitcher M.D.

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Do not endanger the life of your child by accepting a cheap substitute which some druggist may offer you (because he makes a few more pennies on it), the ingredients of which *even he* does not know.

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A Child and the Letters.

An ingenious person named Kronh, whose patience is evidently more highly developed than his sense of humor, has been making some experiments that are supposed to be very important to scientific teachers. He has found that it takes a young child 364-1000 of a second to recognize the letter c, 358-1000 of a second to recognize the letter a and 389-1000 of a second to recognize the letter t, while the word c-a-t as a whole is recognized in 339-1000 of a second. Therefore, he says, primary teaching should be done by words and not by letters, and the letters should be 1-12 of an inch high and printed in a line not more than 4 inches long. We don't know exactly how he has discovered all these things, but that does not matter, for he is evidently a very profound person. We have done some figuring ourselves on the basis of his researches, and we find that, following out his method and adopting his kind of reading book, a child of 5 years in an average daily lesson, would each day save 9783-10000 of a minute out of its valuable time. Think of that!—Bookman.

No Comparison.

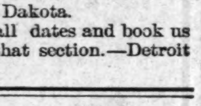
Paterfamilias (walking the floor with son and heir)—Babies, they say, are such helpless things. But what do they think of me? Talk about helplessness!—Boston Transcript.

Just the Place For Them.

Advance Agent—I see that there is an egg famine in North Dakota.

Manager—Cancel all dates and book us for every town in that section.—Detroit Free Press.

MEDICAL TREATMENT ON TRIAL



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WHEN SALLY SANG FOR ME.

When Sally sang her songs for me, in days when we were young,
The sun and stars about our path a lovelier glamour flung,
And I was wont to smiling say, while looking in her eyes,
The melody was treacle spilled from realms of paradise!
And so the hours went gliding by, as streamlets to the sea,
When we were younger than today, and Sally sang for me.

I see the plain old parlor now, wherein some afternoon
She warbled "Maggie," with wet eyes, then turned to "Bonny Doon,"
And "Molly Darling" had its charms and rather seemed divine
The while I longed to have her put her "little hand in mine."
Ah, well! Old age should cease to dream, but I would like to see
Her face once more, as in our youth, when Sally sang for me.

—Nashville American.

A STRANGE WOOING.

I am Casper Athwold. I was born beautiful, but one day a nurse dropped me from her arms down the whole length of the oak staircase. There is no need to say more. Yet I was a happy child. As I grew up I built such castles in the air as other youths build, and in my castle I began to see Kate Norman's figure, Katie's dark eyed, crimson cheeked face smiling on me from visionary firesides there and hear her voice singing lullabies in the far-off future. We met often. She was always kind and friendly. I had fancied something more.

One day I went in the heat of the afternoon to a shady spot by the river side, my own ground. I lay upon the grass, reading a book, when behind the glossy leaves of the plants which the little ones called "bread and butter bushes" I heard the sparrowlike twitter of girls' voices.

"She'll have him," said one.

"Fancy such a bridegroom," said the other. "All his money couldn't buy me."

"He don't want you, but Kate," said the first.

"One must be at one's last prayer to want such an admirer. No one could like Casper Athwold."

"Of course not," said the first. "But then he's rich and Kate poor enough."

"You are right. No woman could love him. But money will marry anybody."

There was a rustle, a sound of feet on the grass. The chirping voices died away in the distance.

Just for ten minutes I hated the world, hated the jolly, broad shouldered farmer tramping alone the bridle path, hated the red faced boatman on the river, hated the yellow haired child in the bottom of the boat at his feet, hated all who lived and breathed and walked erect under the sky. Then my heart softened, and I wept. I had loved Kate, and I loved her still. The girls' chatter had awakened me to the truth. Just as I lived now, alone in the old homestead among the marbles, so I must live unless I bought a wife with my gold—a wife who could not love me.

Such had been my brief wooing time. I went no more to the cottage in the lane. I met Kate no more "by chance" in quiet places. I did no more of those foolish things.

I shut myself up in the old house among my books and shunned the sight of faces and the sound of voices. It was the best thing that a man whom no one could love could do.

So the months wore away. Sometimes I had met her, but I always looked another way, and our pleasant greetings had come to an end. I had seen a hurt flush on her face and taken no heed of it. I had even been discourteous—but I loved her just as I had loved her all along.

One day I went to the old lawyer who had had charge of our estate for 40 years and bade him draw me up a will in which I left all that I possessed to Kate Norman, with a letter which only her hands were to unseal, only her eyes to read, after I had gone.

This was the letter:

> Kate Norman:
>
> You never cared for me. You could not. Once I heard a woman say no woman could, but I loved you. Had I cherished one faint ray of hope I would have striven to win your heart, but I learned in time what folly it was and in pity for myself held aloof from you. As it is, it gives me some pleasure to think that you will dwell under this roof. When you read this, you will pity, not deride, the love of CASPER ALHWOLD.

This note lay unsealed and directed, "To be given to Kate Norman after my death," and the will was also signed and sealed, and I walked home.

At my door the elm shadows lay thick, and in them stood a bent, crooked figure, clothed in rags, a beggar, who began his dolorous whine as I came up:

"A little help; just a little. I'm not a strong man, sir. I can't work like the same. Yer isn't strong yerself. Ye'll be knowin what that is. A wakely ould craytur that would be thankful for onything—a penny or an ould coat, or a sup or a bite; yes, sir."

I tossed him a coin.

"Go," I said. "Don't loiter here."

The man looked at me curiously, as though he had expected more pity from me. The coin had fallen at his feet. He stooped and picked it up.

"Yes, it'll buy a bite," he said. "Good luck to ye. It's not always I ate before I slape."

I turned and looked at the beggar. He was miserable also.

"Come in," I said. "I'll give you some clothes. You need them sadly."

"It's nothing but needing with me, sir," said he. "The likes of me can't work."

"You have had an accident?"

"My father threw me out of a window for a joke when he was not sober."

I took from my wardrobe garments I had worn and bade him put them on. Afterward I gave him food. I called no servant in. No one saw him come or go save myself. He departed, blessing me. I watched him out of sight. Then I burst out in a laugh.

"He had best go and offer his hand to Kate Norman," I said. "They would make a well matched couple. Does he look like me in my clothes, I wonder? They fit him well."

Then I remembered going out of the door and down toward the water's edge. A boat lay there with the oars in it. I stepped in and rowed up the river. The twilight faded; night came on—a dark, moonless night. I had dropped the oars and was drifting seaward, lying at the bottom of the boat. I knew that I was in danger, but the knowledge did not affect me.

Suddenly a glare of red light flashed over my face, I heard a heavy throb of machinery, then a shrieking whistle and a steamer was hard upon my little boat.

After that I knew nothing until I came to myself in a strange room, in a strange hotel at Albany. The captain of the steamer which had run my boat down fancied that to his account lay the fever and delirium which had come upon me and had me taken care of. It was two weeks since the day last in my memory. I read that in the paper. There, also, I read this paragraph:

"The body found in the woods at —— has been identified by the garments and some personal peculiarities as that of Casper Athwold, a wealthy citizen, who has been missing many days. His funeral takes place this morning."

I dropped the paper in amazement. My own name—the record of my death! Then I burst into a bitter laugh. I understood it. The beggar whom I had clothed had died upon the road. He it was who was that day to be buried under my name.

At first it seemed merely a cruel joke. Then the memory of my will and the letter written to Kate Norman flashed upon me. I must reach home and prove myself a living man before it was too late.

Weak as I was, I arose and dressed myself, and, giving my address to the landlord, left the hotel for the depot, but I reached it only in time to find the train gone. Another hour or so must pass. They were ages to me. She should not read that letter while I lived.

At last I was off—fairly on my way. In the dark of the evening I alighted at the depot and hurried homeward.

There I should find my servants, and, probably, the lawyer, who would find it his duty to secure everything for the future heiress.

They would not, I hoped, read the will so soon. Yet it was customary. If this had been done, how should I act, how speak? Only a little space lay between the depot and my home. The railroad encroachments had been my mother's greatest troubles in the last years of her life. Now this fact enabled me, ill as I was, to reach the house without delay. It was dark, and I met no one.

In a moment I knew why. They had assembled in the parlor to hear my will read—for, through the Venetian shutters long bars of light fell across the porch, and looking in, unseen myself, I saw Kate Norman, with a letter in her hand, glide through the opposite door. The will had been read. Before I could interpose she would have read the letter also.

What should I do—return as I had come, change my name, dwell where no one knew me? It seemed that this were better than to return to the gaping townfolks' nine days' wonder. Worst of all to meet Kate!

I turned from the window and hurried away, but I was still very, very weak and soon my strength gave way. It was just as I reached the churchyard. The road was bare, with no resting place upon it, but within the gates the soft grass tempted me, and the willow branches seemed to nod a welcome.

I cast myself down in the long grass. The crickets chirped all about me. A bird somewhere gave a shriek now and then.

I felt my blood on fire. I could not stop thinking. I could not give tired nature her way. I was weary and worn beyond all description.

I heard the church clock strike 9. It startled me to think an hour had flown when the same clock struck 10. I lifted up my head to listen and saw a figure gliding up the path—a woman's figure.

It came straight on and cast itself on the grave by which I sat—the grave beneath which the beggar lay whom they had taken for myself—cast itself upon it, sobbing wildly.

The shadows hid me. I gazed unseen upon the mourner. Who was it? Some one who had mistaken the spot, no doubt. She lifted up her head. In the moonlight I saw her face. It was Kate. Had pity brought her there? Could pity make a woman weep so? I drew nearer. She spoke. It was my name she uttered.

"Oh, Casper," she cried, "shall I never hear your dear voice? Can I never tell you how I loved you? Oh, Casper, Casper!"

Silence, with the cricket's chirp amid it, and the bird's scream. Dawn broke upon my soul. Then I stood beside her, holding her close and fast.

"Do not fear, do not tremble," I cried. "It is a living Casper who comes to you and no ghost. Oh, Kate, Kate, you gave tender words to the clay you thought mine! Will you bless me with them living?"

She hid her face in my bosom and would not look up—would only cling to me with her soft, white hands and sob.

And there we stood alone together amid the graves, I content to stand there, her hand in mine, her cheek upon my bosom, until the blessed evening time lengthened itself into eternity.

But at last she told me this, that of all men I was to her the best, and when I, wonderingly, asked her how I might dare dream that this could be, she made only the woman's answer, "Because I love you."

In the moonlight, on that happy night, we went forth from the old graveyard into the world of life, hand in hand, as we have gone together ever since.—London Sun.

AN INFANT TERRIBLE.

She Made a Man Blush and the Girls Giggle.

"Literal children, or, more properly, children who take your chiding literally, are holy terrors," relates a young man noted for his politeness to ladies. "I was in a herdic the other day which was much crowded, though no one was standing at the time. Presently a lady and gentleman got in, and I gave my seat to the lady, leaving the old gentleman standing. Immediately a young lady sitting in one end of the herdic called to her little sister, a child of 6 perhaps, who was sitting near the door at the other end, to come to her and give her seat to the elderly gentleman. The child came willingly enough, and while the sister was reading her a lesson in manners a passenger got out, and I took a seat. "Never let me see you remain seated again when people older than you are standing," closed the lecture, and the child was crowded, half sitting, half standing, between the older sister and the lady next to her. Two minutes later a pretty girl got in, and of course, as the only gentleman in the herdic, I gave her my seat. No sooner had I done so than that small terror was on her feet.

"Oh, mister," she said in sweet, shrill accents, "you take my seat! You's older than me." And everybody laughed, of course, trust a lot of giggling girls for that, for the only place on earth that I could have "taken a seat" was on the sister's lap, from which the child had slid. I didn't take the seat, but I did take to the street and walked five blocks in a drizzling rain to get away from the giggle of those girls.—Washington Star.

Hadrian's Wall.

Hadrian, in A. D. 120, built a stone wall from Bowness, near Carlisle, on Solway frith, to the river Tyne, near Newcastle. It was 80 miles long and garrisoned by 10,000 troops. It was from 12 to 20 feet high at various points, 8 feet thick at the top and was provided with a gallery in the rear, which enabled its defenders to take their stand with only head and shoulders visible to the enemy. At every quarter of a mile there was a castle with a garrison of troops. Beacon lights and signals were used, and on an attack, whether by day or by night, the news was at once flashed up and down the wall from sea to sea.

Animal Warfare.

The conditions of the life of the monkeys in Africa are sufficiently curious without reference to their acquired habits, though these are undoubtedly due to the dangers to which the nature of the country in which they live exposes them. The different species of baboons, which are found commonly over the whole African continent, are all by nature dwellers in the open country. They find their food on the ground, and whether this be insects or vegetables it is usually in places which afford little shelter or protection. Though strong and well armed with teeth, they are slow animals, with little of the usual monkey agility when on the ground and not particularly active even when climbing among rocks.

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Shot Into the Senate.

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Leave Walnut Cove	10 33 "
Leave Stokesdale	11 06 "
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Leave Greensboro	12 15 P. M.
Leave Climax	12 48 "
Leave Sanford	2 36 "
Leave Fayetteville Junction	3 56 "
Arrive Fayetteville	4 00 "
Leave Fayetteville	4 10 "
Arrive Wilmington	7 20 "

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Arrive Maxton	9 02 "
Leave Maxton	9 07 "
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Leave Maxton	6 15 "
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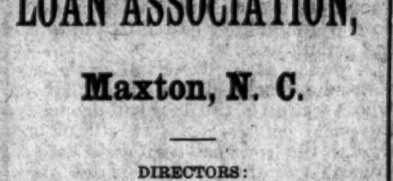

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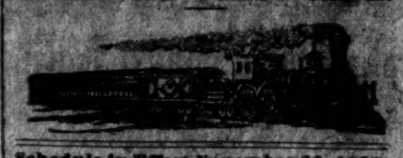

Schedule in Effect November 29, 1897.

DEPARTURE FROM WILMINGTON—NORTH BOUND.

DAILY 9.35 A. M. No. 48—Passenger—Due Magnolia 11.02 A. M., Warsaw 11.15 A. M., Goldsboro 12.05 A. M., Wilson 12.53 P. M., Rocky Mount 1.40 P. M., Tarboro 2.45 P. M., Weldon 4.33 P. M., Petersburg 6.23 P. M., Richmond 7.15 P. M., Norfolk 6.05 P. M., Washington 11.30 P.M., Baltimore 1.06 A. M., Philadelphia 3.50 A. M., New York 6.53 A. M., †Boston 3.00 P. M.

DAILY 7.15 P. M. No. 40—Passenger—Due Magnolia 8.55 P. M., Warsaw 9.10 P. M., Goldsboro 10.10 P. M., Wilson 11.06 P. M., †Tarboro 6.45 A. M., Rocky Mount 11.57 P. M., Weldon 1.42 A. M., †Norfolk 10.30 A. M., Petersburg 3.14 A. M., Richmond 4.00 A. M., Washington 7.41 A. M., Baltimore 9.03 A. M., Philadelphia 11.25 A. M., New York 2.03 P. M., Boston 9.00 P. M.

DAILY except Sunday 2.40 P. M. No. 50—Passenger—Due Jacksonville 4.21 P. M., Newbern 5.40 P. M.

SOUTH BOUND.

DAILY 4.00 P. M. No. 55—Passenger—Due Lake Waccamaw 5.09 P. M., Chadbourn 5.41 P. M., Marion 6.43 P. M., Florence 7.25 P. M., Sumter 9.19 P. M., Columbia 10.30 P. M., Denmark 6.12 A. M., Augusta 8.20 A. M., Macon 11.30 A. M., Atlanta 12.35 P. M., Charleston 10.55 P. M., Savannah 1.50 A. M., Jacksonville 7.50 A. M., St. Augustine 10.30 A. M., Tampa 5.25 P. M.

ARRIVALS AT WILMINGTON—FROM THE NORTH.

DAILY 5.50 P. M. No. 49—Passenger—Leave †Boston 1.03 P. M., *New York 9.00 P. M., Philadelphia 12.05 A. M., Baltimore 2.50 A. M., Washington 4.30 A. M., Richmond 9.05 A. M., Petersburg 10.00 A. M., Norfolk 8.40 A. M., Weldon 11.52 A. M., Tarboro 12.12 P. M., Rocky Mount 12.47 P. M., Wilson 2.37 P. M., Goldsboro 3.20 P. M., Warsaw 4.11 P. M., Magnolia 4.24 P. M.

DAILY 9.30 A. M. No. 41—Passenger—Leave Boston 12 night, New York 9.30 A. M., Philadelphia 12.09 P. M., Baltimore 2.25 P. M., Washington 3.46 P. M., Richmond 7.30 P. M., Petersburg 8.12 P. M., †Norfolk 2.20 P. M., Weldon 9.43 P. M., †Tarboro 6.01 P. M., Rocky Mount 5.45 A. M. Leave Wilson 6.22 A. M., Goldsboro 7.01 A. M., Warsaw 7.53 A. M., Magnolia 8.05 A. M.

DAILY except Sunday 11.59 A. M. No. 51—Passenger—Leave Newbern 9.00 A. M., Jacksonville 10.18 A. M.

FROM THE SOUTH.

DAILY 1.25 P. M. No. 54—Passenger—Leave Tampa 8.10 A. M., Sanford 3.27 P. M., Jacksonville 7.40 P. M., Savannah 1.45 A. M., Charleston 6.33 A. M., Columbia 7.00 A. M., Atlanta 8.20 A. M., Macon 9.30 A. M., Augusta 3.05 P. M., Denmark 4.25 P. M., Sumter 8.25 A. M., Florence 10.05 A. M., Marion 10.44 A. M., Chadbourn 11.45 A. M., Lake Waccamaw 12.16 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday.

Trains on the Scotland Neck Branch Road leave Weldon 3.55 P. M., Halifax 4.30 P. M.; arrive Scotland Neck 5.20 P. M., Greenville 6.57 P. M., Kinston 7.55 P. M. Returning, leaves Kinston 7.50 A. M., Greenville 8.52 A. M.; arriving Halifax at 11.18 A. M., Weldon 11.33 A. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Washington Branch leave Washington 8.20 A. M. and 2.30 P. M.; arrive Parmele 9.10 A. M. and 4.00 P. M.; returning leaves Parmele 9.35 A. M. and 6.30 P. M.; arrives Washington 11.00 A. M. and 7.20 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Train leaves Tarboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 5.30 P. M.; Sunday, 4.15 P. M.; arrives Plymouth 7.40 P. M. and 6.10 P. M. Returning, leaves Plymouth daily except Sunday, 7.50 A. M. and Sunday 9.00 A. M.; arrive Tarboro 10.05 A. M. and 11.00 A. M.

Train on Midland N. C. Branch leaves Goldsboro, N. C., daily except Sunday, 7.10 A. M.; arrive Smithfield, N. C., 8.30 A. M. Returning, leaves Smithfield 9.00 A. M.; arrive Goldsboro 10.25 A. M.

Train on Nashville Branch leaves Rocky Mount at 4.30 P. M.; arrives Nashville 5.05 P. M., Spring Hope 5.30 P. M. Returning, leaves Spring Hope 8.00 A. M., Nashville 8.35 A. M.; arrive Rocky Mount 9.05 A. M., daily except Sunday.

Train on Clinton Branch leave Warsaw for Clinton, Daily except Sunday, at 11.20 A. M. and 4.15 P. M. Returning leave Clinton at 7.00 A. M. and 3.00 P. M.

Florence Railroad leave Pee Dee 10.17 A. M.; arrive Latta 10.35 A. M., Dillon 10.47 A. M., Rowland 11.03 A. M. Returning, leaves Rowland 6.01 P. M.; arrives Dillon 6.33 P. M., Latta 6.46 P. M., Pee Dee 7.05 P. M., daily.

Trains on Conway Branch leave Hub at 8.30 A. M., Chadbourn 11.50 A. M.; arrive Conway 2.10 P. M.; leave Conway 2.45 P. M., Chadbourn 5.45 P. M.; arrive Hub 6.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Central of South Carolina Railroad leave Sumter 6.27 P. M., Manning 6.58 P. M.; arrive Lane's 7.36 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.28 A. M., Manning 9.05 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.35 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 9.30 A. M., 7.55 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 12.00 M., 9.14 P. M.; leave Georgetown 7.00 A. M.; 3 P. M. arrive Lane's 8.25 A. M., 5.25 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains on Cheraw and Darlington Railroad leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.28 A. M., Cheraw 11.40 A. M., Wadesboro 2.25 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 8.15 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.40 P. M., Hartsville 9.35 P. M., Bennettsville 9.36 P. M., Gibson 10.00 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only at 9.55 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.27 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except sunday at 6.15 A. M., Bennettsville 6.41 A. M., arrive Darlington 7.40 A. M. Leave Hartsville daily except Sunday at 6.45 A. M.; arrive Darlington 7.30 A. M.; leave Darlington 9.00 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.25 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 3.00 P. M., Cheraw 5.15 P. M., Darlington 6.29 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Hartsville Sunday only at 8.20 A. M., Darlington 9.05 A. M.; arrive Florence 9.25 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 2.20 P. M., 11.15 P. M.; arrive Selma 3.15 P. M., Smithfield 3.22 P. M., Dunn 4.00 P. M., Fayetteville 4.47 P. M., 1.14 A. M., Rowland 6.13 P. M.; returning leave Rowland 11.02 A. M., Fayetteville 12.22 P. M., 10.15 P. M., Dunn 1.05 P. M., Smithfield 1.43 P. M., Selma 1.50 P. M., arrive Wilson 2.35 P. M., 12.00 A. M.

Manchester & Augusta Railroad trains leave Sumter 4.29 A. M., Creston 5.17 A. M.; arrive Denmark 6.12 A. M. Returning leave Denmark 4.25 P. M., Creston 5.30 P. M., Sumter 6.25 P. M. Daily.

Pregnalls Branch train leaves Creston 5.45 A. M.; arrive Pregnalls 9.15 A. M. Returning, leaves Pregnalls 10.00 A. M.; arrives Creston 3.50 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Bishopville Branch trains leave Elliot 11.10 A. M. and 8.05 P. M.; arrive Lucknow 1.00 P. M. and 9.05 P. M. Returning leave Lucknow 6.05 A. M. and 2.00 P. M.; arrive Elliot 8.25 A. M. and 3.30 P. M.

†Daily except Sunday. *Sunday only.

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Atlantic and North Carolina Railroad

Time Table No. 3.

To Take Effect Sunday, Nov. 28, 1897, at 12 M.

GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING EAST. 3 Pass'g'r Trains Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	GOING WEST. 4 Pass'g'r Trains Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
....	3 40	Goldsboro	11 05	....
....	4 32	Kinston	10 12	....
5 35	5 45	Newbern	8 57	9 10
6 57	7 02	Morehead City	7 42	7 47
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.35 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 3.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 3.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

jan 1 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

Schedule on Wilmington Seacoast R. R.

ON AND AFTER SEPT. 27TH, TRAINS WILL run as follows:

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.
Leave Wilmington at 2.30 P. M., 6.30 P. M.
Leave Ocean View at 3.00 A. M. and 5.00 P. M.

SUNDAY TRAINS.
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DANGEROUS COUNTERFEIT.

Spurious $100 Silver Certificates Received at the United States Treasury—Warning to Banks.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—One of the most dangerous counterfeits ever discovered has made its appearance. Mr. John Cramer, of the sub-treasury at Philadelphia to-day brought to the secret service five one hundred dollar counterfeit silver certificates, head of President Monroe. Their general appearance is excellent and after close examination the officials of the Treasury cash room were undecided as to their genuineness and only after the notes had been soaked in hot water, when the two pieces forming the front and back of the note came apart, were they convinced of the fraud. On examination of the day's Treasury cash another of the spurious notes was discovered.

In view of the dangerous character of the counterfeits, Secretary Gage to-day decided to stop issueing and to call in all $100 silver certificates, of which there are about $26,000,000 outstanding. These will be exchanged for silver certificates of smaller denomination and the plates destroyed. As soon as new plates can be engraved a new series will be issued. Assistant treasurers at all the sub-Treasury cities will be requested to send to the Treasury in Washington all $100 silver certificates in their possession, and to request all banks, trust companies, and other monied institutions to do the same. Secretary Gage desires the statement made that in his judgment it is unsafe for business men or others to accept silver certificates of this denomination, and in case any were now on hand they should be sent to he banks for transmission to Washington.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.

Thirty-Six Buildings Burnedat Farmville, Va.—Loss $150,000—Insurance $45,000.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, VA., January 3.—Fire in Farmville Sunday night swept away thirty-six buildings and caused a monetary loss of some $150,000 When the fire brigade first reached the scene, it looked as if the firemen would ecsily gain the mastery, and prevent any spread of the flames, but two terrific explosions of blasting powder, sent the burning brands on many unprotected buildings an shook nearly every house in the town, thus disconcerting and unnerving the firemen.

When the fire reached the Standard Oil Company's building in the lower part of the town the greatest excitement prevailed, and only a few persons could be found with nerve enough to combat the flames, which were finally extinguished before any considerable damage was done to the oil company. Not until the fire had burned through to the river's edge was it gotten under control.

As far as learned the insurance is so distributed among the various companies that none of them sustains a great loss, there being nineteen companies carrying in the aggregate $49,300.

The origin of this, the greatest fire Farmville has ever experienced in its now one hundred years of existence, is a mystery, but it is generally believed to have been the work of an incendiary.

GOVERNMENT FINANCES.

Comparative Statement of Receipts and Expenditures for the Month of December.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 3.—The monthly statement of the Government receipts and expenditures for the month of December shows the total receipts to have been $59,646,698, of which $11,660,788 was from customs, $14,342,928 from internal revenue and $33,642,980 from miscellaneous sources. The expenditures for the month aggregate $27,634,092. The receipts and expenditures for December include $31,715,204 received during the month from the sale of the Union Pacific Railroad, $900,000 paid out to secure bid on Kansas Pacific and $517.42 interest paid on Pacific Railroad subsidy bonds not due until January. Excluding these items, the receipts amount to $27,931,494 and expenditures $26,216,663, leaving a surplus for the month of $1,714,831. As compared with December, 1896, there is shown to have been an increase of nearly $1,900,000 in the receipts from customs and about $1,145,000 increase from internal revenue sources.

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MONETARY COMMISSION.

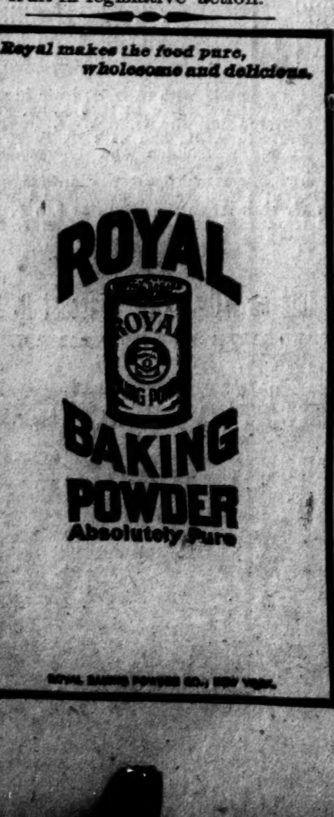
Secretary Gage Heartily Commends Its Report.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, January 4.—Speaking to-day of the report of the monetary commission, for the reform of the currency, Secretary Gage said:

"I have read the report with great interest and much profit.

"Avoiding abstract terms, it proceeds in plain, comprehensible language to point out the sources of our present financial weakness and the remedies proposed are so clearly set forth that all may understand. The reform measures recommend I regard as well adapted to cure the ills from which we suffer and which threaten our future. I sincerely hope it will bear fruit in legislative action."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A Similar Declaration Delivered to the Chinese and Other Governments by Japan—Talk of a Russo-Japanese Alliance.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

ST. PETERSBURG, January 3.—*Novesti* publishes an article strongly urging a Russo-Japanese alliance, as the best means of guaranteeing their mutual interests and the maintenance of the political equilibrium.

It is understood this view is favored in Russian official circles, in which it is felt that such an alliance would contribute to avert serious complications in the Far East.

MANCHESTER, ENG., January 3.—The *Manchester Guardian* to-day says:

"The Government has categorically stated that Great Britain will refuse to recognize any special rights granted at any Chinese port to any particular Power. Any port opened to one Power must be opened to all or open to none. If Russia has been granted the right to winter ships at Port Arthur, Great Britain will enforce her rights to the same privilege and her ships will winter there, whether China concedes or does not concede the right.

Continuing, the *Guardian* says:

"If Germany obtains a naval station at Kaio-Chou, Great Britain insists upon having a lease of ground for a naval station at the same port and she will support every other Power making the same claim.

"The contention of the Government is that the most favored nations clause in the British and all other treaties with China forbids any special concessions of the nature contemplated by Germany at Kiao-Chou and prevents nations from acquiring special benefits in which the others have not a share.

"The Government has also declared that the same principle applies to such transactions as railway and mine monopolies. Taking her stand on the treaties Great Britain refuses to acknowledge such concessions, and will insist upon similar railway and mine rights, and will use such force to secure or defend them as may be necessary.

"This declaration does not apply to cessions of territory to which the existing treaties do not refer, but relative to this contingency the dispatch of Great Britain to China says that when it occurs graver questions will arise. The Government will then consider the manner in which British interests can best be safe-guarded, and the form which the compensation to Great Britain for the special advantages of other nations must take.

"It is reported that a similar declaration has been delivered to the Chinese and other Governments by Japan."

LONDON, January 3.—Up to a late hour to-night the statement of the Manchester *Guardian* this morning has neither been confirmed nor denied, and the general belief is that, whether an actual note has been dispatched to China or not, the *Guardian's* statement fairly represents the British policy.

FRIGHTFUL CATASTROPHE.

Thirty People Killed and Many Others Wounded by the Collapse of a Building.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

LONDON, ONTARIO, Jan. 3.—During a political meeting in the City Hall to-night the galleries and floor collapsed, burying over a hundred of the audience in the ruins. At midnight thirty bodies had been taken from the wrecked building and identified.

How many were injured will never be known, as those who suffered but slightly at once went to their homes or were taken care of by their friends. Those who were more seriously injured were carried to neighboring drug stores, whence they were taken to the hospital or to their homes.

At the close of the polls a crowd gathered in the city hall, where it has been the custom for years past for the successful candidate to address the electors. The building was crowded to the very doors, probably 2,000 people being jammed in its narrow space, There was a lull in the proceedings, the audience called for several of the newly elected aldermen at once, and there was some delay in securing a speaker to address them. Alderman Carr and others joined the mayor in an effort to secure quiet. In response to numerous calls R. M. Toothe was pushed forward to the platform on which the speakers stood. As he reached it there was an ominous crackling and the raised platform on which the Mayor and newly elected aldermen were seated seemed to pitch forward to the floor. There was a sagging of timbers and the next moment one hundred and twenty people were hurled twenty feet to the floor below. A large safe stood in one corner of the hall, and a huge steam coil, weighing half a ton, came crashing down on the heads of the victims.

Following the crash there was a wild rush for the doors. At the south door, where the majority of the crowd had entered, there was a terrible panic. Those in front were thrown down by the on-coming rush, shrieking and fighting for the door and safety. Only one-half of the rear door, a space of probably three feet, was open and in the mad rush no one thought to open the door in its entirety and 500 people struggled through the narrow space, the strong bearing down the weaker.

Several men lowered ropes and endeavored to haul the wounded out of the pit. From under the massed weight of the broken beams came many cries for help. The windows on the ground floor were broken and the living and dead were tenderly passed to the waiting ambulances.

A glance at the wreck after the catastrophe disclosed the fact that a whole section of the floor had dropped, the joists being as neatly cut off as though the work had been done with a saw. The building was an old one, having been erected in the early fifties, and of late years additional stories had been placed on the old walls.

In the Grand Opera House, which adjoins the wrecked building, the first act of "The Girl from Paris" had just been concluded, when word was whispered through the theatre of the calamity. A panic was imminent, but was averted by the actors and ushers, and the people quietly left the building.

The directors of the national City Bank of Boston issued a circular to stockholders stating that it has been decided to recommand to them at their annual meeting January 11th the winding-up and liquid action of the bank and the distribution of the net proceeds of its assets among the stockholders.

OHIO'S LEGISLATURE.

Both Houses Organized by the Democrats and Fusion Republicans.

HANNA IS IN THE SOUP.

A Desperate Fight Has Begun for the Senatorship—Kurtz to be the Candidate of the Opposition for Senator.

By Telegraph to The Morning Star.

COLUMBUS, O. January 3.—The combination of ten anti-Hanna Republicans, with the Democratic members succeeded in organizing both branches of the Legislature in the interest of the "combine" opposition to the re-eleection of Senator Marcus A. Hanna, by a vote of 56 to 52.

There are two more dates for tests of strength, the joint Senatorial caucus next Wednesday night, and the joint balloting for Senator, one week from next Wednesday, January 12th.

With the completion of the legislature and its patronage disposed of, the Hanna men to-night began a most desperate fight for the Senatorship.

The Hanna men deny that they will form a coalition with Brice for a gold Democrat for Senator rather than be beaten by a free silver Republican, or that they will do anything else but fight it out if it takes all Winter. While they are not able to give a list long enough to elect, they claim that Hanna is stronger than Boxwell and the other regular Republican candidates in the organization of the Legislature, and that the opposition has not enough votes to elect a Senator. The Hanna men concede that they have lost the power which will result from the organization of both branches, as they can name no chairman of committees, place no members on desirable positions, or dispose of any other State patronage, but they have carried the war into the home counties of "the bolting" Republican members, and expect the necessary changes before next Wednesday night. The developments of last Saturday night and to-day have caused tbe Hanna men to admit they were outdone in the preliminary organization for this contest and that they underestimated the opposition, especially the extent of it since the November election. While ex-chairman Kurtz was thought to have been organizing against Senator Hanna ever since the Republican State Convention at Toledo in June, yet the participation of Governor Bushnell and others had not been fully anticipated.

The Democratic State headquarters have been kept in operation by John R. McLean and others ever since the November election, ostensibly to prepare for a grand free silver carnival here on St. Jackson day, January 8th. It now transpires that the Democratic State headquarters were kept open to get all the Democratic members in line for what took place to-day and for the defeat of Hanna. Meantime Mr. Kurtz was marshalling every possible Republican in line against Hanna, and communicating with the committee on arrangements for St. Jackson's day. To-night this fact was no longer concealed by the opposition and many Republicans are openly complaining against the management of Senator Hanna's interests.

The superior organization of the opposition was shown in their securing to-day nearly all of the doubtful votes. The anti-Hanna legislators marched to the State House to-day in line like troops and had their triumphal march in the most unusual manner because of their confidence in their organizatinn. Their wives and daughters secured choice seats in advance in the legislative halls and the most elaborate floral designs were on hand for the occasion.

VENGEFUL REPUBLICANS.

The feeling of the Republican members who voted for their caucus nominees is openly expressed against Governor Bushnell more than against Mr. Kurtz or other Republicans who combined with the Democrats. The *State Journal* the Republican organ of Central Ohio, prints a large picture of the Governor with heavy black borders. Some Republican clubs have cancelled their engagements of quarters here for the inauguration exercises next Monday and many protests are being received at the State House. Colonel T. W. Moore of Marietta, another appointee of Governor Bushnell, to-day resigned as trustee of the State insane asylum at Athens.

The feeling of revenge was shown even in the routine legislative proceedings. Representative Bramley, of Cleveland, introduced a bill to repeal the fifty-year franchise law for street railways, in which Senator Hanna is largely interested. Bramley is a contractor, who has large contracts under the municipal administration of Mayor McKisson. On the other hand members from Cleveland, who are supporting Hanna, are said to have measures ready for investigation at Cleveland that would affect Bramley.

Both sides are spending the night in close conferences. All the changes that are being sought are anticipated from Representatives. It is conceded that Senator Burke, one of the Republican Senators from Cleveland who has not yet appeared, will be here to vote against Hanna.

BALLOT FOR AND AGAINST HANNA.

The Senate will cast 17 votes for Hanna and 19 against him. If Hanna is no stronger in the House than the Boxwell ticket was to-day, when Boxwell received 52 votes and Mason 56 for Speaker, then Senator Hanna would have only 70 votes on joint ballot, and 73 are necessary to elect. Notwithstanding the results on the organization of both houses, both sides seem equally confident in claiming the Senatorship on joint ballot.

When the Legislature met it required an hour to examine the credentials and swear in the 100 members of the House, but the 36 Senators soon qualified.

All were present in the Senate chamber except Senator Burke, of Cleveland, the Republican who is opposed to Hanna, and Senator Voight, the fusionist from Cincinnati, but even then the vote stood 17 to 18 in favor of the Democrats, who elected all the officers. As Senator Burke was absent, T. E. Cromley, Democrat, was elected president pro tem of the Senate, but it is understood that he will give way to Senator Burke for that place as soon as the latter arrives to take his seat. The Democratic organization of the Senate was made complete in a very quiet way, while a detachment of policemen were needed to hold back the crowd that filled the hall of the House and pressed about its entrances.

In the hall of the House the wildest scenes were witnessed during the first hour of the session. After the name of Boxwell had been presented as the regular Republican candidate for Speaker, the name of Representative Mason, Republican, was presented by Representative Jones, Republican, and seconded by two other Republicans. The Democrats did not participate in the speaking.

The first ballot resulted: Mason, 56; Boxwell, 52; as had been claimed since Saturday night by the combined opposition to Senator Hanna. The combine then completed the organization of the House.

The combine slate went through for all the minor places by the same vote of 56 to 52, and after the election of Gerish the proceedings were very quiet, many retiring from the crowded lobbies and galleries.

KURTZ FOR SENATOR.

It is announced that Charles F. Kurtz, who headed the combine opposition to Hanna and so far has won the fight, will be the opposition candidate for Senator against Hanna, and that Governor Bushnell and Mayor McKisson have consented to this arrangement.

WARM WIRELETS.

La Discussion says that General Blanco will take the field within the next fortnight and proceed to Eastern Cuba.

Gov. Tyler, of Virginia, has announced the appointment of Col. William Nalle, of Culpeper, to be Adjutant General of the State, to succeed General Charles J. Anderson.

There are three Cuban expeditions fitting out in Florida; one at Plant City, one at Bartow, and another at Punta Gorda. All the channels are guarded and two more revenue cutters are expected,

It is said that only three of the Spanish generals are in sympathy with General Weyler. The Spanish government will send five thousand troops to Cuba at the end of January, and further troops, up to 14,000, will be sent to the island if needed.

General Weyler has defied the government to take proceedings against him. As he is a senator, a special vote is necessary to deprive him of immunity from prosecution and the cabinet is embarrassed, as the army appears to side with Weyler in attacks on the United States,

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A Noble Life.—It is indeed interesting and and profitable to read and study the lives of noble men and women, and parents cannot spend money more wisely than in supplying their children with good biographies of great and good men who stand out prominently in the world's history, not only as wise leaders but humble Christians. It is also interesting to note how those excellent traits of character descend from sire to son through many generations. Recently we received from the Royal Publishing Company, Richmond, Va., a new book entitled "Robert Edward Lee, Soldier, Citizen and Christian Patriot." One great advantage in connection with this book is that it gives in a brief but charming manner the history of the Lee family for several hundred years, showing that Richard Henry Lee, Robert E. Lee and other master minds sprang from a noble family whose history is as profitable as it is interesting. Besides an excellent biography of Gen. Lee and account of his great military campaigns, it tells how he won the hearts of his soldiers and will retain through all ages the affection of friends and foes. The work also contains a large number of interesting historical documents giving the organization of the various armies, together with brief biographical sketches of such men as Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, Gen. Albert Sidney Johnston, Gen. G. T. Beauregard, Gen Braxton Bragg, Gen. John B Hood, Lieutenant-General A. P. Hill, Admiral Raphael Semmes, Gen. John Gordon, Gen. James Longstreet and Gen. J. H. Reagan. This is the only biography of Gen. Lee ever published on this plan, and it is having a very large sale. The publishers advertise through our columns for active agents, as it is sold only by subscription. Those who distribute such a work as this will be exerting a blessed influence on the rising generation besides reaping a rich and profitable harvest financially.
jan 4 1t

For the balance of this week The Atlantic Tea Co. will sell the balance of their stock of Teas, Coffees, Crockery, &c., for less than cost. Parties having tickets will please present them to-day. jan 4 tf

Bookkeeper Wanted—Address X, STAR office. de 30 tf

Money Made and time saved by new process for Parching Peanuts. I can roast large quantities at a time. It will pay you to let me roast for you. Write for particulars. A. E. Blake Wilmington. N. C. de 23 tf

Ladies Wanted to travel and appoint agents for old established house. Permanent position; $40 per month and all expenses. Z., Box 82, Philadelphia, Pa. de 18 D&W tf

Tonsorial Parlor.—Shaving and Hair Dressing. Prompt and polite attention. Hair Cut 20 cents, Shave (without Bay Rum) 10 cents. Wm. Tienken, 17 Princess street. de 17 1m

A Word to the Wise is sufficient. The best Fruit and Confectioneries, served daintily, can be found at Andrew Mavionichols, 705 North Fourth street. Bell 'Phone 346. Inter-State 191. A large shipment of fine Jamaica Bananas just received. dec 16 tf

Fresh Ground Graham Flour, Big Hominy, N. C. Head Rice, Choice Hay, and all kinds of Feed; lowest prices. Jno. S. McEachern. Bell Phone 92, Inter-State Phone No. 92. de 9 tf

For Best Prices and prompt returns ship your Country Produce to M. C. Benson, 108 Dock street. Beef Cattle, Milch Cows and Pork a specailty. dec 1 tf

Where Can I Ship Country Produce to the best advantage is a question that is puzzling you. Settle it by shipping to L. Tate Bowden, 6 Princess street. Careful handling and prompt returns. Eggs for the city trade. no 30 tf

Country Merchants—You will find it to your interest to ship your Produce, Poultry, Eggs, &c., to H. J. Bierman, Produce Commission Merchant, 105 South Front street, Wilmington, N. C. nov 28 tf

Hayden, P. H., has in stock Buggies, Road Carts and Harness of all kinds. Repairing done by skillful workmen on short notice. Opposite new Court House. no 25 tf

Photographs.—For finest quality, latest styles, best material, finest finish, lowest prices, call on U. C. Ellis, 114 Market street, Wilmington, N. C. Cloudy weather makes no difference. oc 29 tf

Always Reliable.—The best and freshest goods at lowest market prices. Cabbage, Apples, Butter, Bananas, Crackers, Candies, Lemons, Potatoes, etc. Retailers will find it to their advantage to ask my prices before placing their order. A. S. Winstead, 115 Second street. Phone 208. sep 21 tf

The White House Coffee,

FOR WHICH I AM SOLE AGENT, IS A RARE COMBINATION OF

Mocha and Java.

If you once get a taste of the White House you will always use it.

QUEEN OLIVES IN BULK.
GERMAN PRETZELS.

S. W. Sanders,
At The Unlucky Corner.
jan 1 tf

For Rent.

HOUSE ON NINTH BETWEEN Church and Castle streets. Four rooms, water and good yard room in rear

jan 1 tf
D. O'CONNOR,
Real Estate Agent.

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NEWS FROM RALEIGH.

The Dockerys Riding on the Band Wagon These Days.

LARGE FIRE AT WAKEFIELD

Academy Building Burned—Suddden Death at the Blind Institution—Judge Purnell Allows An Appeal in the Smith's Island Case.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 3.

Captain S. A. Ashe will be succeeded as cashier in the office of revenue collector by Mr. O. H. Dockery, Jr. The appointment has already been tendered Mr. Dockery, who will move here in a few days. The Dockerys are riding right on the band wagon these days. It appears that both Russell and Pritchard think there is nothing to good for them.

Mr. C. F. Carroll is appointed mail agent on the A. C. L., to succeed Mr. J. E. Albright, resigned.

The large academy building at Wakefield, this county, was destroyed by fire yesterday. This institution has quite a reputation in this part of the State.

The coldest weather of the season has prevailed here since Saturday. The thermometer dropped to 22 yesterday morning.

Sheriff Jones, of Wake county, collected $75,000 of taxes last year. There is about $36,000 on the tax books unpaid. The greater portion of this amount is due in Raleigh.

Dr. Goodwin returned from Baltimore to-day, where he carried Mrs. Al. Watson, who was shot some weeks ago by her husband before he committed suicide. Mrs. Watson will remain in Johns Hopkins hospital for some weeks in order to undergo special treatment. Dr. Goodwin says the x-rays were used on Mrs. Watson with success. It developed that the bullet passed through the spinal cord. The hospital physicians think her case hopeless.

Miss Maggie Drake, aged nineteen, a pupil in the institution for the Blind here, dropped dead about nine o'clock last night, while undressing, Several young ladies were in the room, but Miss Drake made no remark, and died suddenly. She was one of the stoutest and most robust young ladies in the institution. Her home was in Rocky Mount, and the remains were sent there to-day.

[*Special Star Telegram*]

Judge Purnell signed an order at the instance of E. K. Bryan and C. B. Aycock, allowing an appeal in his decision of the Smith's Island case. The appeal is taken to the Circuit Court of Appeals.

The Park hotel is to close at once. A deal between Page Brothers, owners of the Park, and Raney, proprietor of the Yarboro, accomplished this.

Holiday Presents

FOR GENTLEMEN. WHAT IS MORE DEsirable than a nice stiff or soft Hat or an Umbrella? Then go to HAMME, THE HATTER. Latest Styles and Lowest Prices.
jan 1 tf 26 North Front Street.

D. O'CONNOR,
Real Estate Agent, Wilmington, N. C.

STORES, OFFICES AND DWELLings for rent.
Houses and Lots for sale on easy terms. Rents, Taxes and Insurance attended to promptly. Money loaned on improved city real estate. se 6 tf

Start the New Year Right

SQUARE UP WITH YOUR GROCER AND THROW THE PASS-BOOK AWAY.

Pay Cash For What You Get,

And pay it where you can obtain the best results. It is only reasonable to suppose that that place is where they do no crediting.

TRY IT FOR YOUR OWN SATISFACTION.

The King Grocery Co.,
B. F. KING, MANAGER,
'Phone 387. Fourth Street Bridge.
jan 1 tf

New and Fresh Groceries

TO BEGIN THE NEW YEAR WITH. WE HAVE A COMPLETE STOCK OF

Heavy Groceries.

We are better able to supply the demands of the Retail Merchants than at any time past. One of our New Year resolutions is to buy close and thereby benefit those that are looking for

The Best Qualities
at the Lowest Prices.

Remember that we keep up and respectfully solicit your orders for 1898.

W. B. COOPER,
Wholesale Grocer and Commission Merchant,
jan 1 tf Wilmington, N. C.

FRANK H. STEDMAN,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

Fire AND Tornado Insurance

YOUR BUSINESS IS SOLICITED AND

SATISFACTION GUARANTEED.

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Telephone No. 162. de 3 tf

Seeds, Seeds, Seeds.

NEW CROP JUST ARRIVED.

All Varieties,
Lowest Prices.

TRUCKERS, COUNTRY MERCHANTS AND GARDENERS will save money by buying from

Robert R. Bellamy,
Wholesale Druggist and Seedsman,
jan 2 tf Wilmington, N. C.

VALUABLE
Mercantile Business
FOR SALE!

A VALUABLE MERCANTILE BUSINESS, consisting of Stock, General Merchandise, Store Fixtures and Store House to rent three years with the privilege of five or more years, being the business owned and run by the late L. L. Mallard at Wallace, N. C., about thirty-eight miles from Wilmington, N. C., on the W. & W. R. R., one of the

Finest Trucking and Cotton Sections

in North Carolina. Business large and successful. Bids invited for the purchase of same until January 15th, 1898. NO PREFERENCE GIVEN ANY ONE. Terms Cash or first-class security. Business open every day for inspection at Wallace.

Book accounts will be sold also if agreeable. A good class of credit and cash customers.

Address all communications to me at Kenansville, N. C. Creditors are requested to send in claims properly proven for examination.

JAMES W. BLOUNT,
Executor to will of late L. L. Mallard.
December 23, 1897.
P. S.—The right reserved to accept or reject any or all bids. J. W. B.
de 25 9t de 25 28 30 jan 1 2 4 6 8 10

A 4 BAND MACHINE NUMBERS FROM 1 TO 9,999—PRICE 40c.

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Start the New Year with an eye to business and economy by placing your order with us for your supply of Rubber Stamps. They are no longer a luxury but a necessity.

WILMINGTON STAMP WORKS,
WILMINGTON, N. C.
Bell Phone 240. de 12 tf

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TWO HOUSES ON SIXTH BEtween Dock and Orange. Modern improvements.
House on Dock between Seventh and Eighth streets.
House on Eighth between Market and Princess streets. Modern improvements.
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House on Third between Walnut and Red Cross streets.
Two Stores on Water street.
Store corner Fourth and Nun streets.
House on Princess between Fifth and Sixth streets. Modern improvements.
House on Second between Dock and Orange streets with ten rooms.

Apply to
D. O'CONNOR,
de 15 tf Real Estate Agent.

You Can Grow Bulbs

Just as good as the best of us. We have a few left, and with the instructions we give free, you can succeed beyond your expectations.

James D. Nutt,
The Druggist.

See the very latest in our window for to-day only. jan 1 tf

Schedule "B" Tax.

MERCHANTS, TOBACCO DEALERS, LIQUOR DEALERS, LIVERY STABLE KEEPERS and others, who, under Schedule "B" of the Revenue Act are required to make returns to the undersigned, take notice that the above Tax is due and payable the first ten days in January.

Please settle promptly and save costs.

CHARLES W. NORWOOD,
jan 1 3t Register of Deeds.

NOTICE!

FIFTY HEAD OF
HORSES AND MULES

Just Received To-Day.

And you bet your life you can buy them cheap this week.

Don't Miss this Chance.

F. T. MILLS,
112 and 114 North Water St.
de 24 tf

Nine rich men in North Carolina out of every ten commenced life poor. They became rich by spending less than they made. No one gets rich who does not spend less than he makes. Any one will get rich who continually spends less than he makes. Every young man of ordinary ability in Wilmington can and should save something each month. The man who will not save a portion of a small salary will not save a portion of a large salary. The boy who saves something every month will be promoted before the boy who spends all he makes. True manhood is required in order to deny one's self and save. It is weakness and folly to spend all, regardless of the "rainy day."

Industry, economy and integrity cause prosperity—not "Luck" or "Good Fortune."

For reasonable interest and absolute security, deposit your savings in

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Our Carpets Must Go.

THE BEST ALL WOOL CARPETS AT 50c per yard.
VELVET AND TAPESTRY CARPETS FROM 45c TO 85c PER YARD.

Red and White Flannel at New York Cost.

BLANKETS AND COMFORTS AT A BIG REDUCTION.
Call and see us, and we will save you money on any goods you may need.

J. J. Shepard,
jan 1 tf No. 18 Market Street.

Use Only

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PATENTED

CHAMPION OF THE WORLD!

REQUIRES LESS WOOD AND LASTS LONGER THAN ANY OTHER

STOVE

IN THE WORLD.

All Wrought Iron or Steel. No Cast Iron Bottoms or Tops and Cast Iron Dampers to crack from expansion or be broken by dropping in wood or SPILLING WATER.

BEAR THESE POINTS IN MIND!

We guarantee ours to not break. If they fail to stand we will give you another free of charge. For sale only by

J. W. Murchison.
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A SHINING BEACON

The Hearth Lit Up
By Our Famous Coal Casts

Its effulgence beyond the confines of the room, and the weary wayfarer finds hope and cheer in the far reaching ray. Comfort yourself, your family, and the belated pedestrian by using our high grade Coals.

WM. E. WORTH & CO.
Bell Telephones 64 and 94. Inter-State 146.
jan 1

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

Ours Is Not Especially Thanksgiving Coal Nor Christmas Coal.

Better still, it is every day Coal,
seven days to the week;

particularly adapted to good cold weather, such as we are likely to have from this time on.

For HIGH GRADE HARD COAL, both Red Ash and White Ash, in Egg Stove, Furnace and Range sizes, well screened and promptly delivered; also, for Tennessee Lump Coal. Your orders respectfully solicited. Our Coal will not only cook turkey in great shape, but is equally as good for cooking hog and hominy.

jan 1 tf J. A. SPRINGER & CO.

The C. W. POLVOGT CO.,
No. 9 North Front Street.

Dry Goods and Carpets.

Will offer during this coming week the balsnce of their Doll Stock and Fancy Goods AT COST.

ALSO special prices on Woollen Underwear, Blankets, Ladies' and Children's Cloaks.

Sole Agents for W. B. Corsets and Standard Patterns.

jan 1 tf The C. W. Polvogt Co.

Balance of Stock of
Christmas Goods
Less Than Cost.

PARTIES BUYING PRESENTS FOR CHRISTMAS ENTERTAINMENTS WILL DO WELL TO SEE US.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS IN CAPES.

$ 3.00 PLUSH CAPES, ... $2.25
5.00 " " 3.00
7.50 " " 4.25
10.00 " " 6.50

CAPES, Trimmed with Braid and Fur, 50c up.

J. H. REHDER & CO.,
jan 1 tf NEAR FOURTH STREET BRIDGE.

NOVELTIES AND TOYS.

We have an extra large stock this year and have not the room to carry them over, consequently will have to dispose of same before the Holidays are over.

A WORD TO THE WISE IS SUFFICIENT.

MYERS & LEWIS,
jan 1 tf N. E. Corner Front and Market Streets.

JOHN S. ARMSTRONG, President. F. R. HAWES, Cashier.

The National Bank of Wilmington,
WILMINGTON, N. C.

CAPITAL AND SURPLUS, - - - $111,500.00.

This Bank has unsurpassed facilities for transacting a General Banking Business, and offers to Depositors every accommodation consistent with sound banking.

Send your Business to "THE NATIONAL," as you will find it to your interest to do so, and you will find us prompt, accurate and accommodating.

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